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In respectful memory of

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"dear wife MARTHA"

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"It is indeed a desirable thing to
be well descended, but the glory
belongs to our ancestors."

Plutarch

PREFACE

In May, 1937 I was in Acton, Halton County, Ontario, visiting my mother's cousin, Alfred Louis Hemstreet who was then living in that town on a farm on Main Street near the railroad track, which had been my grandfather's home. I asked Alfred about the Hemstreet family and set down the information he gave me. Some of it later proved to be incorrect but most of it is invaluable since no one now living knows as much about the family. It is the data he gave me which has been the starting point for this story, being published 25 years later.

In the Summer of 1957 my husband and I spent a week vacationing at the Muskoka cottage of my cousins Anna and Tracy Zavitz. Anna began asking about the Hemstreet family and referred to a Larry Brooks of Topeka, Kansas, who had called on her brother, William Hemstreet of Hamilton, saying that his mother was a Hemstreet and wondering if they were related. The result was that Anna Zavitz invited the Rosewernes, the Brooks and the William Hemstreets to meet at their cottage in August, 1958 and asked each of us to bring any information about the Hemstreets which we had. All were glad to accept the invitation and the eight of us came together that Summer. Larry (Lawrence E.) Brooks had some old letters written to his grandfather Hemstreet, which, with my notes on Alfred's story proved that he belonged to this family. Anna and Will knew many details unknown to the rest of us. So it was decided to try to get together the "Family Tree" and OPERATION HEMSTREET began, and I undertook the research and writing.

Letters and questionnaires went out to many cousins. All of them filled in the answers and wrote informative letters besides. Laura Hemstreet Bartleman contributed newspaper clippings about her parents and their photographs. Jean Bardgett, of Toronto, gathered all the data of her grandfather, John Hemstreet's family and supplied photographs. Mrs. Dan McLean, a granddaughter of Benjamin Hemstreet provided the information about the Cunninghams and many details and photographs of other Hemstreets. Even some complete strangers helped in the search, which will be noted as the story unfolds.

Larry Brooks, William Hemstreet and the Zavitz's gave information and suggestions and read manuscript. My husband, Pearce Rosewarne, drove me to various towns to make contacts, and his literary criticism was most valuable. Our son Robert supplied technical advice, and designed the cover, depicting the "Family Tree" with its deep roots. Our daughter-in-law, Esther Rosewarne made the typescript. So, from all aspects, this has been a cooperative effort.

My thanks and appreciation go to all of you who have contributed so willingly to this story. Without your help it could not have been written. We hope that all the cousins and family connections will enjoy this tale of John Hemstreet and his descendants and will find it a convenient book of reference.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations used in the following pages:-

1. b. - born, m. - married, d. - died,
c. - circa (approximately).
2. A.L.H. - Alfred Louis Hemstreet...
3. A.H.Z. - Anna Hemstreet Zavitz.
4. C.P.A. - Census, Public Archives, Ottawa.
5. I.M.G. - Ida May Goodeve.
6. L.E.B. - Lawrence (Larry) E. Brooks, Sr.
7. M.F.H. - Moore Family History.
8. P.A.O. - Public Archives, Ottawa.
9. R.C.C. - Riverside Cemetery Records, Cleveland.
10. R.O.M. - Registry Office, Milton,
11. T.A.C. - Tombstone, Acton Cemetery.
12. T.M.C. - Tombstone, Milton Cemetery.
13. U.C. - Upper Canada, later Ontario.
14. U.E.L. - United Empire Loyalist.

SYSTEM OF NOTATION

Counting the children of the first John Hemstreet as the first generation, we will designate them A1, A2, A3, etc. Then the grandchildren of John will be the second generation and will be designated B1, B2, B3, etc. The third generation will be C1, C2, etc., and so on as far as is necessary. So the letter of the alphabet in front of the name will indicate the number of generations removed from John and the numeral will show the position in that branch of the family. Note that all the As are brothers and sisters, all the Bs are first cousins, all the Cs second cousins, and so forth.

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These Genealogical Tables or "Family Trees" as they are often called, are unusual in their format. The earliest generation is on the reader's left while the latest is on the right. It is our opinion that this novel format has several advantages, one being that the generations follow one another in logical columns with little "back-switching" and confusion. These Tables outline graphically the extent and limits of this volume.

In a strict sense the lineage of the female members of a family do not belong, and it will be noted that not too much effort was made to follow the female lines. However, since many of the relatives who do not bear the name of Hemstreet are well known and beloved by many who do, we have included in this history some female families, especially when a member has been kind enough to collect the data.

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1. ZAVITZ COTTAGE
Skeleton Lake, Muskoka, Ont.
Where it all began.



2. THE COUSINS WHO STARTED IT.

Back Row, Left to right-
Wm. E. Hemstreet, Pearce Rosewarne, Tracy Zavitz, Lawrence Brooks
Front Row, left to right-
Grace Hemstreet, Winnifred Rosewarne, Anna Zavitz, Borothea Brooks.

CHAPTER I

OPERATION HEMSTREET

We began with Alfred Hemstreet's statement that "the first one of the family to come to Canada was JOHN HEMSTREET, who arrived in 1822 and stayed at Lundy's Lane (Niagara District) for a time and then moved to Trafalgar Township, Halton County, about 5 miles east of Milton; he was married twice but the first family never came to Canada".

Prior to our visit at Zavitz's cottage in August 1958, I had gone to the Public Archives in Ottawa to make a search for any relevant material. Since we knew that the Hemstreets settled in Trafalgar Township, I consulted the Historical Atlas of 1877 of the County of Halton and found, on the map of that Township the location of the farms of Benjamin and Richard Hemstreet. A.L.H. had said that Richard had stayed on the homestead; so then we knew that his farm on Lot 11, Concession 6 was the one originally owned by John.

Following our visit at Zavitz's cottage, Larry Brooks, William Hemstreet and I visited Milton. We went to the Registry Office there and found the transactions concerning Lot 11, Concession 6 all recorded and we got a copy of them and of John's Will, in which he mentions his children by his second wife Martha; namely -

Tunis, Miller, Philipe, Martha, Elizabeth, Peter, Richard, Benjamin, George and William.

We also visited the Milton cemetery and copied the information on the tombstones. Finally we drove out to the homestead, interviewed the present owners and Larry took pictures both there and at the cemetery.

Pursuing the search in the Archives at later dates, much information was received from the census of 1851, of 1861 and of 1871, the first ones taken in Canada and the only ones open to the public. There I found the names of Philip, Benjamin and Richard and of their wives and children in the Trafalgar census and records of Miller, Philip, Elizabeth and George and William in other Townships and Counties. In the Manuscript section is the marriage bond of Tunis Hemstreet and also one for his widow Catherine Hemstreet. All these details will be noted under the appropriate branches of the family.

The first William Hemstreet's wife was Agnes Moore. Her brother, Edward Moore, married William's niece, Elizabeth Hemstreet. Elizabeth and Edward Moore had a son Henry Philip Moore of Acton. Henry Philip wrote the "Family History of Thomas Moore and His Descendants". In it he said that the Hemstreets were United Empire Loyalists (U.E.L.'s) from New York State. In the Archives there are records of all the U.E.L.'s who applied for land grants. The Canadian Government rewarded these loyal refugees from U.S.A. with free grants of land. But there are no Hemstreets in these records. Since John Hemstreet arrived in Canada in 1822, it is unlikely that anyone entering so late would be a U.E.L. Most of them came soon after the American Revolution and were settled before 1800.

I received the impression from my grandfather, the first William, that the family were Pennsylvania Dutch. Another cousin, Lila McLean, Benjamin's granddaughter had always understood the same. However, in June 1958, my husband and I were in Albany and I consulted the first Federal Census of Pennsylvania taken in 1790 and there were no Hemstreets in it. The German word for "German" is "Deutch" and hence Pennsylvania Germans were called "Dutch". This word "Dutch", usually applied to Pennsylvanians may have confused John's younger children into thinking they came from Pennsylvania when in fact Hemstreet is a Holland Dutch name.

Of course it is quite possible that some Hemstreets did migrate to Pennsylvania and came to Canada via that route. If the first John lived in that State he would have been about 28 years old in 1790 and would have been in that census. But neither is he in the New York census. However, it is a question as to how complete and accurate that first census was.

Larry Brooks has an old letter from a Mr. Ralph Hemstreet of New York which said that the Hemstreets in North America descended from a certain Tääkel Van Heemstraät who emigrated from Holland in the 1600's and who went to Fort Orange (now Albany) and left a numerous progeny. While we were in Albany in 1958 I spent several days in the Genealogical Section of the New York State Library. In the Year Books of the Holland Society were records of the Dutch Reformed Church of Albany dating from 1683. In those records were births and marriages of many Van Heemstraäts. I found such names as Tääkel, Dirk, Johannes, Sara, Jacob, Machtel, Catharine, Tryntie, etc. The name was variously spelt and often the Van was omitted; Van in Dutch does not indicate nobility. Johannes is sometimes shortened to Hannes or Hans. There is recorded a Johannes born in 1757 and one in 1765 but neither of these quite agree with John's age as given on the tombstone in Milton.

It is a matter of historical record that the Van Heemstraäts came to New Netherlands in the 1600's to the patroonship of Rensselaerwyck which comprised the present city of Albany and surrounding areas. The Encyclopedia Britannica (Vol. 1, p.517) says that the colonists that Kiliaen Van Rensselaer sent out "were capable and industrious and the settlement prospered". In the History of the City of Albany by Howell, Tunney and Munsell (Chap.II, p.949-950) we read, -

"Commencing on the north line of the Rensselaerwyck (Manor Ave.) the colonists under the patroon were Heamstreet, Onderkirk, Lansing, Fonda and Clute".

"Along the Mohawk from its mouth north - Jonas Outhout - - - Dirk Hemstraat".

"At the Boght (Bend) of the Mohawk R. - - - Hans Hemstraet".

Also on P.938 is the following, -

"The Boght Reformed (Dutch) Church is located in the bend or elbow of the Mohawk R. - - - First organization of the Church was April 14, 1784. The names of those who constituted the original Church are appended as showing who were residents at that time, - Dirck Heemstraat, Charles Heemstraat."

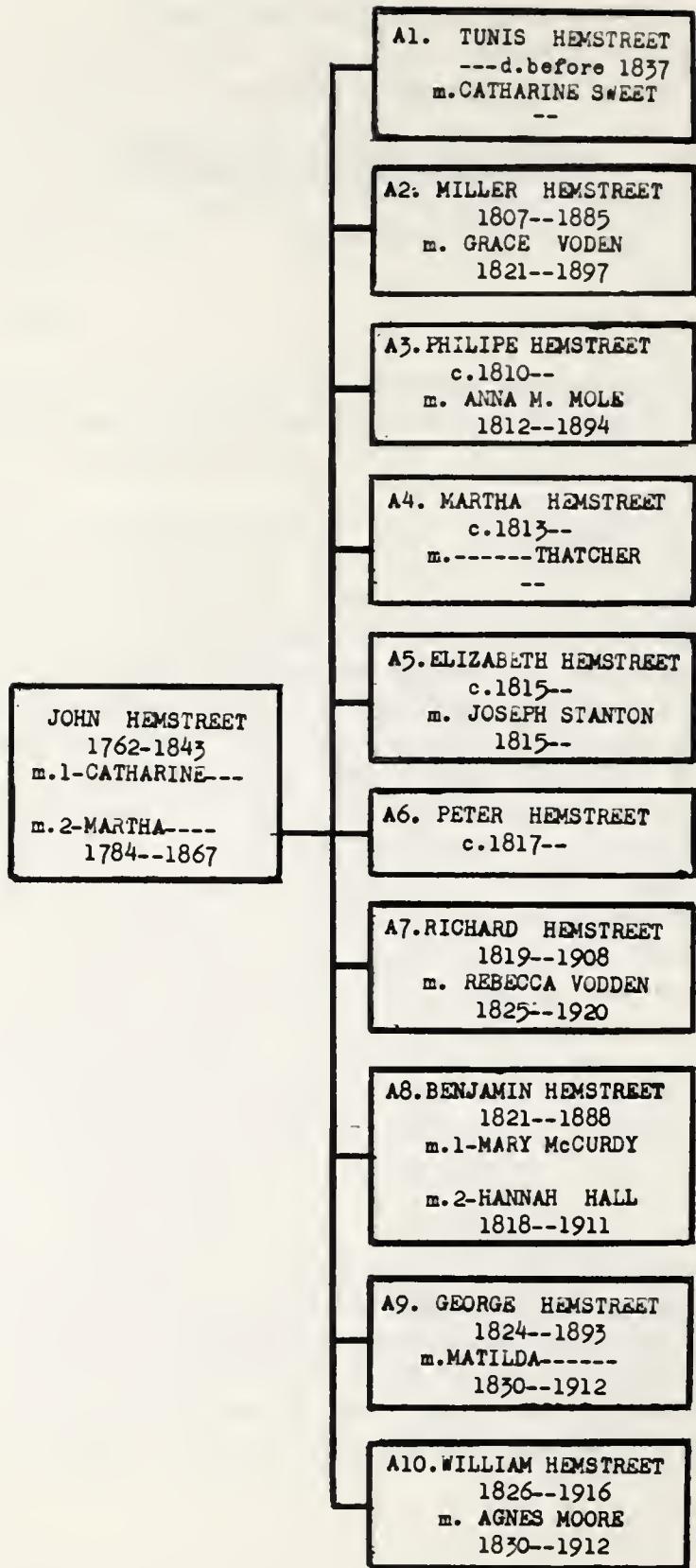
And on P. 961, -

"The First Methodist E. Church in Cohoes (near the Boght) was organized in 1839. Among the oldest list of members were ----- James Hempstreet."

All this shows plainly that the Hemstreets came first to Albany district. Yet we were unable to find the link between them and the John Hemstreet who arrived in Canada with his wife Martha and 8 children in 1822. It is known that the Van Heamstraats spread up the Hudson valley and into the western part of New York and probably into neighbouring states. The name became Anglicized to Hemstreet and their religion changed from Dutch Reformed to Methodist. Considerable research would be necessary to trace the family in this transition and it is doubtful if it would be possible at this late date. Therefore, I have concentrated on John and his descendants, sending out requests for information to all the cousins. My methods will be indicated as the tale is told for there may be some in the connection who would wish to pursue the subject further and would like to know my authorities. The data given here could not be used for an authentic lineage. For that there must be official records of marriage, birth and death certificates, etc, but this could help in establishing such a lineage.

The result of all this searching is contained in the following pages. We have tried to be as accurate as our information allows. There may be some mistakes, (in spite of careful checking) for which we hope you will forgive us. It will be noticed that there are many gaps. It is possible that some of them will be filled in later, but as of December, 1962, here is the story.

THE GENEALOGICAL CHART
of the family of
JOHN and MARTHA HEMSTREET



CHAPTER II

JOHN HEMSTREET

According to A.L.H., John Hemstreet came to Canada from New York State in 1822. We do not know where his residence was in that State. He lived first at Lundy's Lane in the Niagara District. I made an attempt to discover something about his sojourn there. I tried Methodist Church records, Historical Society papers and newspapers of the area but all to no avail. However, we do know that he moved on from Lundy's Lane to Trafalgar Township, Halton County, in what was then known as the district of Gore in Upper Canada. According to Index A 97 in the Registry Office at Milton, on May 2, 1829 John bought 100 acres, the S.W. 1/2 of Lot 11, Concession 6, Trafalgar. In 1832 he sold that and the next year bought 100 acres, the East 1/2 of Lot 11 and 4 acres on the N.E. corner of the West 1/2.

There is a short history of the Township of Trafalgar in the Historical Atlas of the County of Halton (P.A.O.). The first settlers in the northern part of the Township were Lawrence Hagar together with a number of friends and relatives. They emigrated from Pennsylvania in 1799 and settled at Forty-Mile Creek in the Niagara Peninsula. In 1806 they came to Trafalgar and took up land there. At that time "wild land" sold for 7s. 6d. per acre. By 1817 there were 548 inhabitants and "wild land" sold for 22s. per acre. In 1820 the first Post Office was opened and called Trafalgar P.O. Mails at that time were carried on horseback along Dundas Street from Toronto to Niagara. Settlers came as far as 25 miles to that Post Office for mail. A stage ran from Milton south through Palermo to Bronte on the lake front. In those early days the woods were well stocked with deer and game of all kinds and fish abounded in the streams.

John was married twice. The first wife's name was CATHARINE, and the second MARTHA, probably Martha Matilda. The maiden name of neither wife is known. According to William, John's son, there were 10 children in each family, making him the youngest of twenty. Apparently none of the first family came to Canada with John and William did not even know their names.

A.L.H. said John was a tall man but many of the Hemstreets were short and small. They seem to have been fond of horses. A.L.H. showed me a picture of John on

horseback. The farm was sold in 1941 to a Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ayers. During our visit to the homestead in 1958, Mrs. Ayers told us that when they took possession of the property there were many pictures of horses and horse-racing pasted on the walls of the barn.

At John's death his son Richard retained the farm and provided for his mother. In 1901 he sold it to Alfred L. Hemstreet and in 1911 Alfred sold it to a W. J. Chisolm and so it passed out of the family. The Ayers bought it in 1941. In 1952 Mrs. Ayers, then a widow, sold it, except for the buildings and a few acres around them, to the Campbell Soup Company. Now all that farm and several adjoining ones including Benjamin's are planted with asparagus. The farm house is typical of many in rural Ontario and has been kept in good condition.

The following is a copy of John's will which is
Instrument No. 10266 in the Registry Office in Milton, -

Province of Canada	<u>Trafalgar Registry Office - Milton, Ont.</u>
Gore District	Probate of the Last Will and
No. 10266	Testament of John Hemstreet late of the Twp. of Trafalgar, in the Gore District.
	Yeoman, deceased

I, John Hemstreet in the Twp. of Trafalgar in the County of Halton District of Gore in the Prov. of (L.S.) Upper Can. Yeoman, being in good health, and of a sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I commend my soul to Almighty God, and my body I desire may be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors, hereinafter named. And as to that worldly estate as God of his goodness hath bestowed upon me, I give and dispose thereof as follows, that is to say, To my sons and daughters which I had by my first wife Catharine Hemstreet who may survive me I give and bequeath to each five shillings, to be paid out of my personal estate 6 months after my decease. To my three eldest sons Tunis, Miller and Philipe Hemstreet and to my two daughters Martha Thatcher and Elizabeth Stanton whom I had by my second wife Martha Hemstreet, I give and bequeath to each 5 shillings, payable out of my personal estate, 6 months after my decease, - Also I give bequeath and devise all my certain freehold estate with the appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining

situate and being in the Tnshp. of Trafalgar in the Co. of Halton District of Gore and Prov. of U.C. aforesaid being the east half of lot number eleven containing one hundred acres be the same more or less, also 4 acres situate on the north east corner of the west half of lot eleven, in the sixth concession in the new survey of Trafalgar, with also all my stock, goods and chattels, book debts and accounts of whatsoever kind and description, unto my dear wife Martha Hemstreet and unto my five youngest sons Peter Hemstreet, Richard Hemstreet, Benjamin Hemstreet, George Hemstreet & William Hemstreet in the following manner, that is to say, to my dear wife Martha one third of the rent or profits arising from the real and personal estate if she survives me or so long as she continues my widow. Also I give and bequeath to my wife Martha all my household furniture to be at her own disposal. Also I give and bequeath to my five youngest sons above named all my real and personal estate to be divided equally amongst them that is to share and share alike whenever the youngest that may be living of the said five arrives at the age of twenty years, I then request and give full power and authority to my executors to proceed and sell all my real and personal estate as soon as they may think convenient, and divide the money arising therefrom equally amongst my five youngest sons or those of them that may be living at that time when the property is sold, one third of the money arising from the said sale shall be put out to interest, and the said interest to be paid every six months to my wife Martha Hemstreet as long as she lives or continues my widow, the other two thirds to be immediately and equally divided amongst my five sons as above mentioned, and after my decease I leave it discretionary with my executors either to rent the farm or let my wife and children continue to live on the same, if the farm is rented then all my personal property to be sold and the money arising from the said sale to be applied to the wants of my wife or any of the five youngest sons as my executors may think best, and to be considered as a part or share of the legacy I have left them, and in further consideration I do give and bequeath to my two daughters Martha Thatcher and Elizabeth Stanton six pounds each in addition to what I have left in the former part of this my Will and to be paid out of my personal estate twelve months after my decease. And I hereby appoint Robert McCurdy and George Alton of Trafalgar executors to this my last will and testament to carry into effect and have the same performed according to the true intent and meaning hereof hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first

day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator as for and to his last will and testament, at his request, and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our names as witnesses thereto,

(Signed) John Hemstreet (L.S.)

(Signed) Edw Armstrong)
Allen McDougal) of Trafalgar
Edward Andrews)

Collated with the original by me

(Signed) James Geddes
Deputy Registrar
16th June 1844 Surr. Court - Gore District

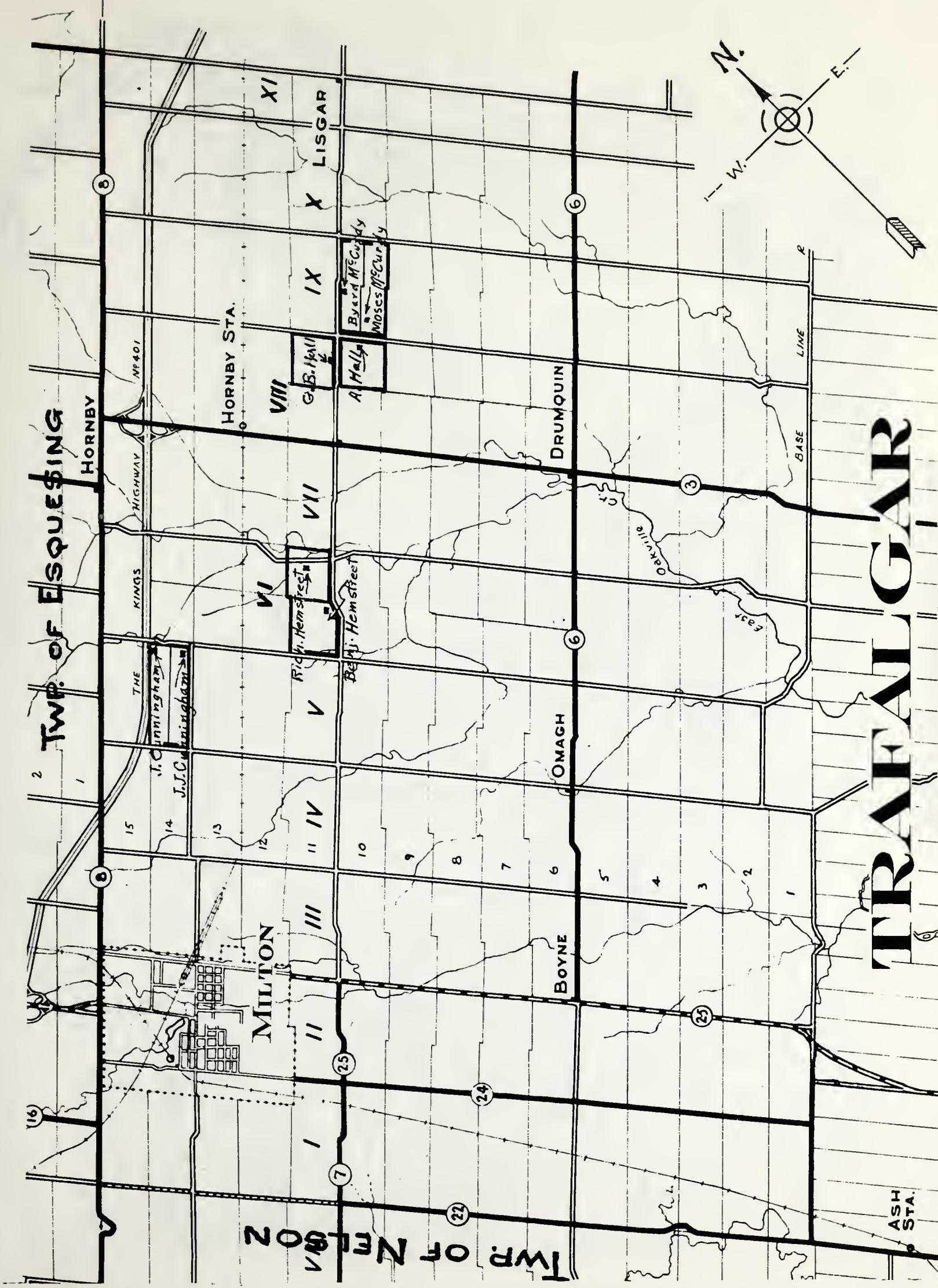
(On back) 10266 Traf. Z.

(Copy) Probate of Last Will and Testament of John Hemstreet
(a statement that this is a true copy by Elvie Pirie 4 Ap.1911)

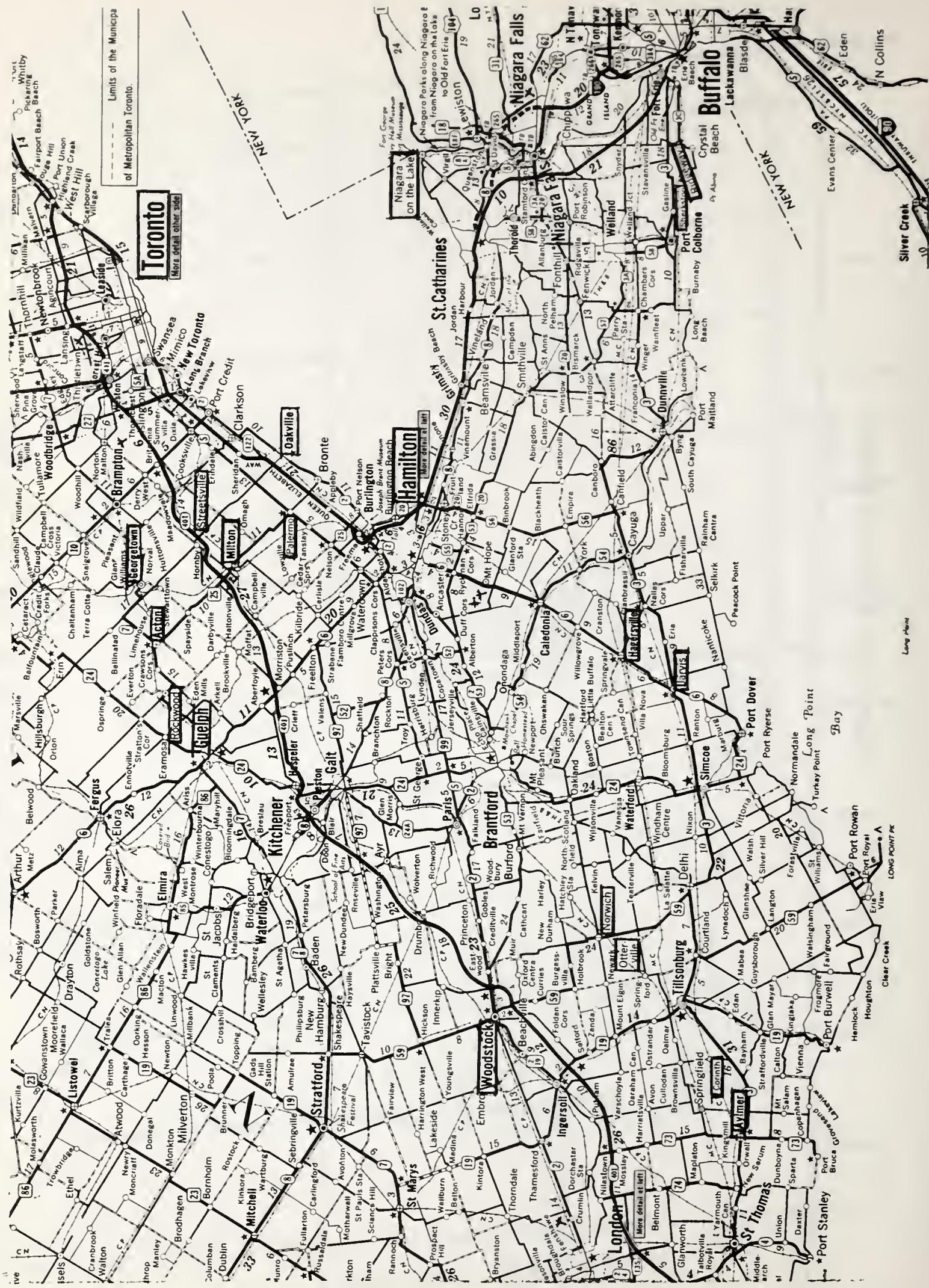
and

I certify that the within instrument is duly entered and registered in the Registry Office for the Co. of Halton in Book Z for the Township of Trafalgar at 1.40 o'clock p.m. of the 4th day of Apr. 1911. No. 10266

M.B. Field,
Dy. Registrar.



Southern Ontario



John died 21 August 1843, aged 81 years, just 21 years after coming to Canada. Hence he was born in 1762 and would be 60 years old when he arrived in this country. One wonders why he left the much more settled country of New York State to come to this new backwoods Township. We would like to know where he had lived in New York and what became of his first family. His name and Martha's are inscribed on the tombstone in Milton Cemetery and even to see those names, and to read the Will, brings them a little nearer to us.

We know nothing about John's second wife Martha, except what we learned from a few records. In his Will John provided for Martha; apparently she and the younger children stayed on the farm and later, Richard bought the farm with the undertaking that he would look after her as long as she lived. She was with Richard in the census of 1851 and of 1861. According to the tombstone in the Milton Cemetery she died 19 April, 1867 at the age of 86, which would make her 41 when they came to Canada. The census of 1861 gives her age 77, which would make her only 38 in 1822. Richard was 3 years old when they arrived in this country, Benjamin would have been a babe in arms and George and William were born in Canada. So the age of 38 in 1822 would seem to be more plausible, though the census is by no means infallible.

In the census of 1851 her name is given as Matilda M. Possibly it was Matilda Martha since both names appear in later generations. We would have liked to have known more about "my dear wife Martha" as John called her. She survived her husband by 24 years.



4. MARTHA HEMSTREET
From Lila McLean's Hemstreet Album, marked
"Mother's Grandmother" so we assume it is
the first John's wife.



5. Front View

HEMSTREET HOMESTEAD.
Lot 11, Concession 6, Trafalgar Township
4 miles east of Milton, Ontario, Canada.



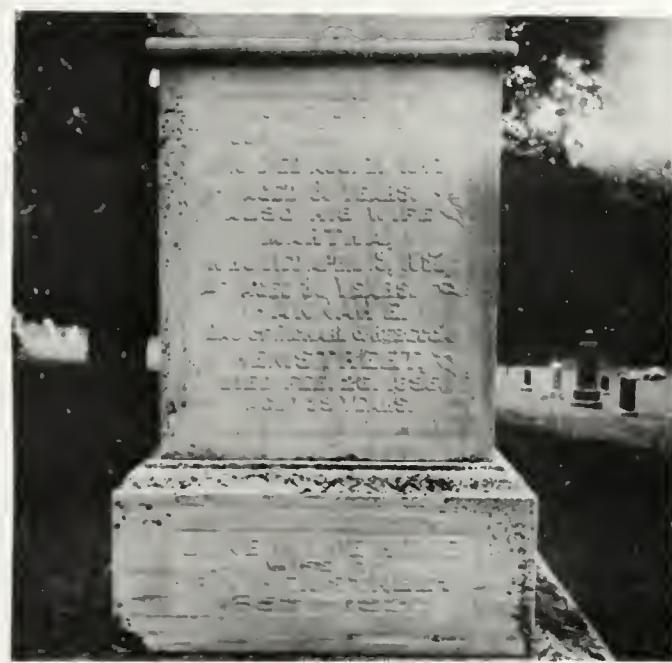
6. Side View



7. HEMSTREET GRAVESTONE
In Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.



8.



9. HEMSTREET GRAVESTONE
Side showing the inscription
For John and Martha

CHAPTER III

BRANCH AlTUNIS HEMSTREET

The only information we have to date (1962) concerning Tunis is his name in his father's Will and a marriage bond in the Public Archives, Ottawa, in the section called "Marriage Bonds of Upper Canada" 1829 F - M, Vol 18. A copy of the Bond follows, -

"PROVINCE OF UPPER CANADA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT WE

Tunis Hempstreet and George Mulholland both of the Township of Trafalgar in the district of Gore, Yeomen, -

Are jointly and severally held and firmly bound unto our Sovereign Lord the King in the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, lawful currency of the Province aforesaid to be paid unto our Lord the King, or his Heirs and Successors; for which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these Presents, sealed with our Seals at Toronto in the Home District and Province aforesaid this first day of May in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that whereas a License has this day (been) issued of Marriage from the office of the Lieutenant Governor of the said Province of Upper Canada for the purpose of joining together in Holy Matrimony

the above named Tunis Hempstreet Batchelor and Catherine Sweet of Trafalgar in the district of Gore, widow.

Now if it shall appear that there is no affinity, consanguinity, pre-contract, or any other lawful cause or impediment to hinder their being joined

together, as aforesaid, then this obligation to
be null and void, otherwise to remain in full
force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered Tunis Hemstreet (seal)
in the presence of

Js. S. Jarvis

Tunis Hemstreet (seal)"

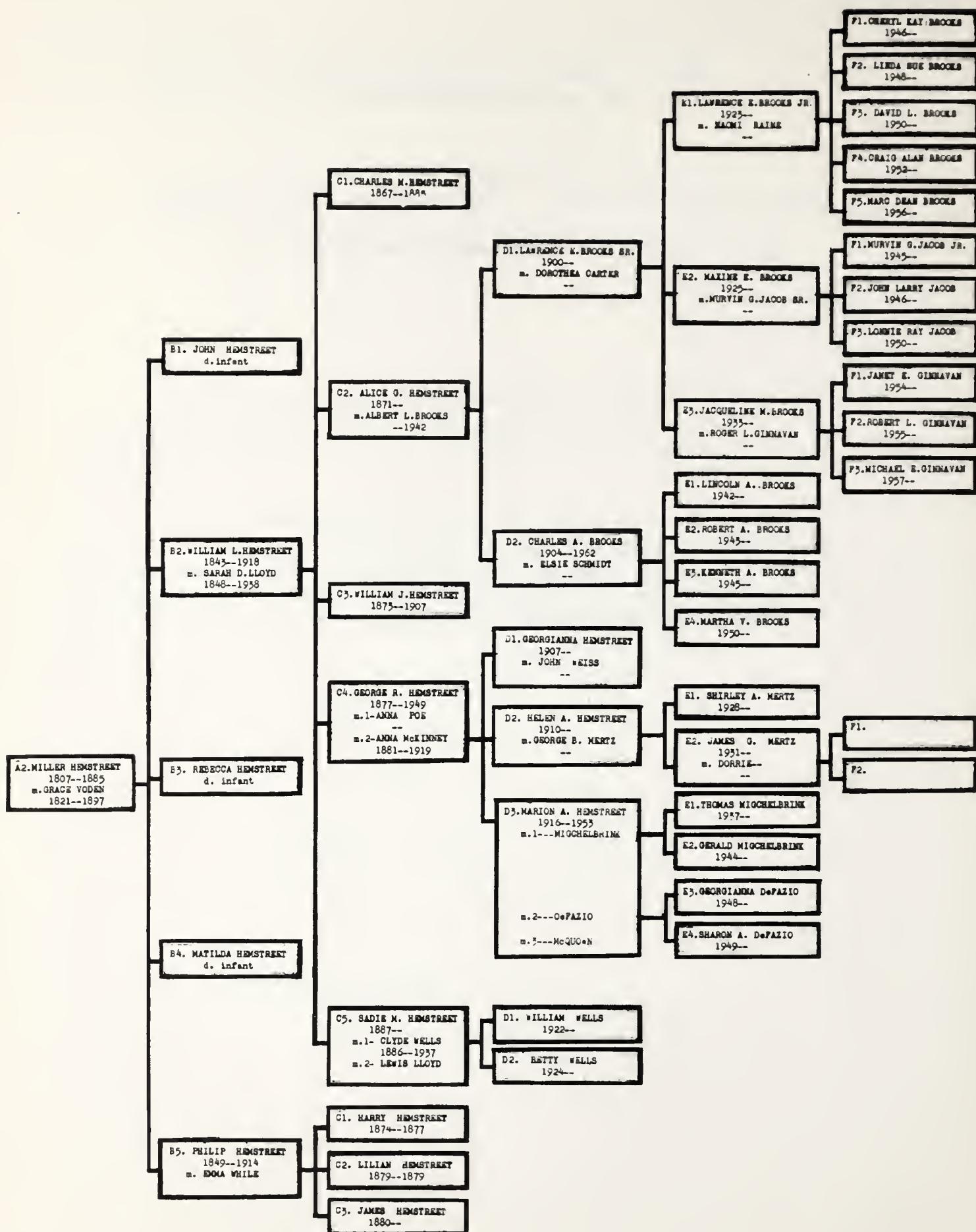
These marriage bonds were issued in place of bans, if
for any reason bans could not be published or the parties con-
cerned did not wish to wait three weeks for the bans to be
published.

Also in the Marriage Bond section was a bond issued
on 24 Nov 1837 for "James Kenney of the Township of Trafalgar,
widower, and Catherine Hempstreet of the same place, widow."
So Tunis must have died sometime before 1837, but, so far,
we have not located his grave or found anything more about
him.

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of the Family of

(A2) MILLER and GRACE VODEN HEMSTREET



CHAPTER IV

BRANCH A2MILLER HEMSTREET

MILLER HEMSTREET was born in 1807 (R.C.C.) in U.S.A. He married GRACE VODEN of Liverpool, England. There is a record in the Atlas of Halton County (P.A.O.) of Miller having the first grocery store in Acton. In the 1851 census we find Miller on a farm in Walpole Township, County Haldimand. It lists him as a farmer, aged 44, and his wife Grace, born in England, aged 31 and children William 8 and Philip 3, both born in Upper Canada (Ontario).

The Agricultural Census for Miller Hemstreet follows, -

"Concession 9 (? number blurred) Lot 22. 50 acres under cultivation, 32 acres woods; bulls, oxen or steers 2; milch cows 3; calves 3; horses 0, sheep 0; pigs 8; butter 200 lbs; pork 7 cwt; wool 6 lbs; maple sugar 0; cider 0; cloth 0."

Miller does not appear either in the 1861 or 1871 census. Presumably he moved to Cleveland before 1861 where he died 30 October 1885, aged 78. Miller and Grace are both buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio, in the lot of their son William L. Hemstreet, Section 23, Lot 22.

Grace Voden (or Vodden?) Hemstreet was born in 1821 and died 12 January 1897 aged 76 (R.C.C.).

Also in the 1851 census, Twp. Walpole, was a Lawrence Vodden, labourer, born in England, aged 41, with his wife Ann and 7 children. It is possible that Grace Vodden and Rebecca Vodden, Richard (A7)'s wife were sisters of Lawrence. Their father's name might have been "Lawrence". At any rate the name Lawrence appears in both Miller's and Richard's families. Lawrence Brooks has a death and funeral notice of Ann Voden who died in Georgetown, Halton County on 30 Nov 1886. She was the widow of John Kennedy and was 69 years old.

CHILDREN OF MILLER and GRACE VODEN HEMSTREET, -

B1 JOHN HEMSTREET - died in infancy.

B2 WILLIAM LAWRENCE HEMSTREET

Born in or near Quelph (probably Acton), Ontario, Canada, 30 September 1843. We do not know when the family moved to Cleveland. William completed his American Naturalization in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County on 8 May, 1878. Those Naturalization papers are now in the possession of his grandson Lawrence Brooks.

William was cashier for Wm. Edwards Company, Importers in Cleveland. He held that position for 47 years. His books at the Edwards Company were works of art and he was highly regarded by all who knew him.

William married SARAH DEBORAH LLOYD who was born 2 April 1848. Sarah's sister Nancy M. Lloyd, born 24 June 1840, married a John Hemstreet who, according to Larry Brooks' memory was in some way related to William Hemstreet. It is just possible that he was one of John's first family. It is noticeable that there is no "John" in the second family. Sarah and Nancy were daughters of James L. Lloyd and Ann Maria Croft who had 12 children.

While travelling in U.S.A., Norma Carkner Cinnamon (see under Elizabeth A5) came across the name of Thomas M. Hemstreet of Kankakee, Ill. I wrote to him and his mother answered. She is GERALDINE HEMSTREET, wife of BONFIELD V. HEMSTREET, who is the son of FRANK and ALICE HEMSTREET. Frank was the son of JOHN H. HEMSTREET and NANCY M. LLOYD who were married 29 August 1865 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Geraldine and Bonfield have 2 sons and a daughter, all living in Kankakee, Ill.

William died of chronic asthma in Cleveland 2 November, 1918 aged 75. Sarah D. Hemstreet died 12 September, 1938 aged 90. They are both buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Cleveland.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM and SARAH LLOYD HEMSTREET - (L.E.B.)

C1 CHARLES MILLER HEMSTREET

Born 22 October 1867; died 23 March 1885 (R.C.C.)

C2 ALICE GRACE HEMSTREET

Born 2 April, 1871.

Married ALBERT LEHMAN BROOKS 21 June 1899, who was a despatcher for the Cleveland Transfer Co. and inspector for Green Cab. Co. He died 11 January, 1942 and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Cleveland.

Alice Grace Brooks lived with Lawrence (Larry) and Dorothea Brooks for many years until her failing health necessitated her being placed in a nursing home in 1959.

CHILDREN OF ALICE HEMSTREET and ALBERT BROOKS

D1 LAWRENCE (LARRY) EUGENE BROOKS, Sr

Born in Cleveland 2 August, 1900. He was an electrician with the Santa Fe Railway. Married DOROTHEA (DOT) GRACE CARTER of Topeka, Kansas on 30 August, 1922. They live in Grantville, Kansas, where they moved in 1959 from Topeka. Larry has had much ill-health in his life. He retired October, 1960. Dot is a comptometer operator for the State of Kansas. Larry's hobbies are stamps, guns and gardening. Dot went to the First Christian Church, Topeka, since her Cradle Roll days and Larry for 40 years. When they moved to Grantville they transferred to the Methodist Church there and Larry is on the Official Board. This is the Larry Brooks to whom frequent reference is made.

CHILDREN OF LAWRENCE and DOROTHEA CARTER BROOKS

E1 LAWRENCE EUGENE BROOKS, Jr

Born 5 July, 1923. He served with the U.S.A. Navy in World War II. He is a cabinet maker with the Santa Fe Ry. He was also a corporal in the 835th Aviation Engineer Battalion, reserve. They were called to active duty at outbreak of the Korean situation, but he was released because of dependants. Married 18 March, 1944 to NAOMI JEAN RAINES. They live at 722 Medford, Topeka, Kansas.

CHILDREN OF LAWRENCE and NAOMI RAINES BROOKS

F1 CHERYL KAY BROOKS, born 13 March, 1946.

F2 LINDA SUE BROOKS, born 24 March, 1948.

F3 DAVID LEHMAN BROOKS, born 20 January, 1950.

F4 CRAIG ALAN BROOKS, born 30 August, 1952

F5 MARC DEAN BROOKS, born 10 March, 1956

E2 MAXINE ELIZABETH BROOKS

Born 13 April, 1925. She was a comptometer operator for the Santa Fe Railway. Married 25 March, 1944 in First Christian Church, Topeka, to MURVIN GEORGE JACOB Sr. At the outbreak of World War II, Murvin Jacob was a sergeant in Company L, 25th Division of the regular Army and was stationed at Schofield Barracks, Territory Hawaii. He was in the initial bombing and later was in the Pacific campaign. He was severely wounded on New Georgia Island and was eventually given a medical discharge. He is now employed in a large wholesale house which supplies the I.G.A. Stores. He also operates "The Jacob Nursery". They live at 2924 - E. 21st Street, Topeka.

CHILDREN OF MAXINE BROOKS and MURVIN JACOB

F1 MURVIN GEORGE JACOB, Jr, born 27 January, 1945.

F2 JOHN LARRY JACOB, born 23 May, 1946,
died 24 December, 1946.

F3 LONNIE RAY JACOB, born 27 June, 1950.

E3 JACQUELINE MARIE BROOKS, born 27 May, 1933.
"Jackie" was secretary for Kansas Power & Light.
Married 28 December, 1952, in Central Park Christian Church, Topeka to ROGER LANE GINAVAN, who teaches Mathematics and coaches football in Topeka High School. He completed his Master's degree in 1962 at Emporia State Teachers' College. Roger was a First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps in World War II. They live at 3112 Bryant Street, Topeka.

CHILDREN OF JACQUELINE BROOKS and ROGER GINAVAN

F1 JANET ELAINE GINAVAN, born 10 January, 1954.

F2 ROBERT LANE GINAVAN, born 15 September, 1955.

F3 MICHAEL EUGENE GINAVAN, born 19 April, 1957.

D2 CHARLES ALBERT BROOKS

Born 20 April, 1904, died 22 August, 1962.
Charles was owner of Brooks Manufacturing Company makers of Plasti-Tak, a reusable adhesive.
He died suddenly and was cremated by his own wish.
Married ELSIE SCHMIDT. Elsie will carry on the business since she is well informed about it.
She was a buyer for the photographic department of a large store in Cleveland before her marriage.
She lives at 1051 Meredith Road, Cincinnati 31, Ohio.

CHILDREN OF CHARLES and ELSIE SCHMIDT BROOKS

E1 LINCOLN ALBERT BROOKS, born 25 May, 1942.
Attending Miami University at Oxford, Ohio in 1962.

E2 ROBERT A BROOKS, Born 5 July, 1943. Attending Ohio University at Athens, Ohio.

E3 KENNETH ALAN BROOKS, born 24 March, 1945

E4 MARTHA VALERIE BROOKS, born 27 September, 1950.

C3 WILLIAM JOHN HEMSTREET

Born 19 July, 1873; died 27 January 1907, aged 33.
He was a cartoonist on the "Cleveland Leader".

C4 GEORGE RICHARD HEMSTREET - was named for his two great uncles. Born 9 August 1877, died 7 February, 1949.
George was a structural iron worker. He lived in various places but Cleveland was home to him.

Married (1) ANNA POE - deceased. No children

(2) ANNA MCKINNEY in Cleveland about 1905.
Born 3 August, 1881; died 6 July, 1919.
Her daughter Georgianna says she was "the
most wonderful mother in the world!"

CHILDREN OF GEORGE and ANNA MCKINNEY HEMSTREET

D1 GEORGIANNA MARIE HEMSTREET, born 13 May, 1907
in Cleveland. She was married in Ripley, N.Y.
to JOHN LEWIS WEISS (deceased). She had no
children of her own but upon the death of her
sister Marion she took charge of her four
children and is their legal guardian. In 1961,
with her adopted family she moved to Solana
Beach, near San Diego, California. In the
east she had been the owner of a restaurant
and now in California she is Cashier and
Food Checker at Del Mar Hotel.
Address - Box 254, Solana Beach, Cal.

D2 HELEN ALICE HEMSTREET

Born 30 April, 1910 in Cleveland.
Married 30 June, 1927 to GEORGE BLAINE MERTZ
who is a clerk in the W.R.U university book
store. They live in East Cleveland.

CHILDREN OF HELEN HEMSTREET and GEORGE MERTZ

E1 SHIRLEY ANNE MERTZ, born 21 February, 1928,
Single.

E2 JAMES GEORGE MERTZ, born 25 November, 1931
Married DORRIE

CHILDREN OF JAMES and DORRIE MERTZ

F1

F2

D3 MARION AGNES HEMSTREET, born 16 January 1916 in
Cleveland. Married (1) MIGCHELBRINK in Cleve-
land in 1936. Deceased.

CHILDREN OF MARION HEMSTREET and ---MIGCHELBRINK

E1 THOMAS L. MIGCHELBRINK, born 15 November, 1937
in Cleveland. "Tommy" is in the Navy at
Norfolk, Virginia.

E2 GERALD ALLEN MIGCHELBRINK, born 12 September
1944.
Hopes to enter college in the Fall of 1962.

Married (2) De FAZIO on 15 December, 1947; deceased.

CHILDREN OF MARION HEMSTREET and ---- De FAZIO

E3 GEORGIANNA MARIE De FAZIO, born 3 August, 1948.

E4 SHARON ANNE De FAZIO, born 19 October, 1949
in Warren. Ohio.

Married (3) McQUOWN on 18 June, 1951. Marion and her husband were in a motor car accident on 1 May, 1952. McQuown was killed instantly and Marion died ten months later. Her sister Georgianna took charge of these four children at the time of the accident and has been a mother to them. She is very proud of her family.

C5 SADIE MARIA HEMSTREET

born 26 August, 1887.

Married (1) CLYDE ARTHUR WELLS who died 20 February, 1937.

CHILDREN OF SADIE HEMSTREET and CLYDE WELLS

D1 WILLIAM WELLS, born 6 November, 1922.

D2 BETTY WELLS, born 19 April, 1924.

Sometime after the death of Clyde Wells, Sadie
Married (2) LEWIS F. LLOYD and they resided in the
Jamaica-St. Albans area of Long Island until Lewis'
death. She now lives with her daughter Betty in
Floral Park, N.Y.

B3 REBECCA HEMSTREET - died in infancy.

B4 MATILDA HEMSTREET - died in infancy.

B5 PHILIP HEMSTREET (R.C.C.)

Born 1849 in Cleveland; died 30 October, 1914, age 63.

Married EMMA WHILE (dates unknown).

Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Cleveland.

CHILDREN OF PHILIP and EMMA WHILE HEMSTREET

C1 HARRY HEMSTREET, born 1874; died 12 December, 1877.

C2 LILIAN HEMSTREET, born 1879, died 21 September, 1879.

C3 JAMES HEMSTREET, born about 1880.

"Jim" was a teller in the Lakeshore Bank in Cleveland about 1918. He had not married when Larry Brooks left Cleveland in 1921, but lived with his mother. Nothing further is known of him. His name does not appear in the Riverdale Cemetery records along with his parents and brother and sister.



10. MILLER HEMSTREET
(A2)



11. GRACE VODEN HEMSTREET
His wife.



12. WILLIAM L. HEMSTREET
(A2B2)



13. SARAH LLOYD HEMSTREET
His wife.



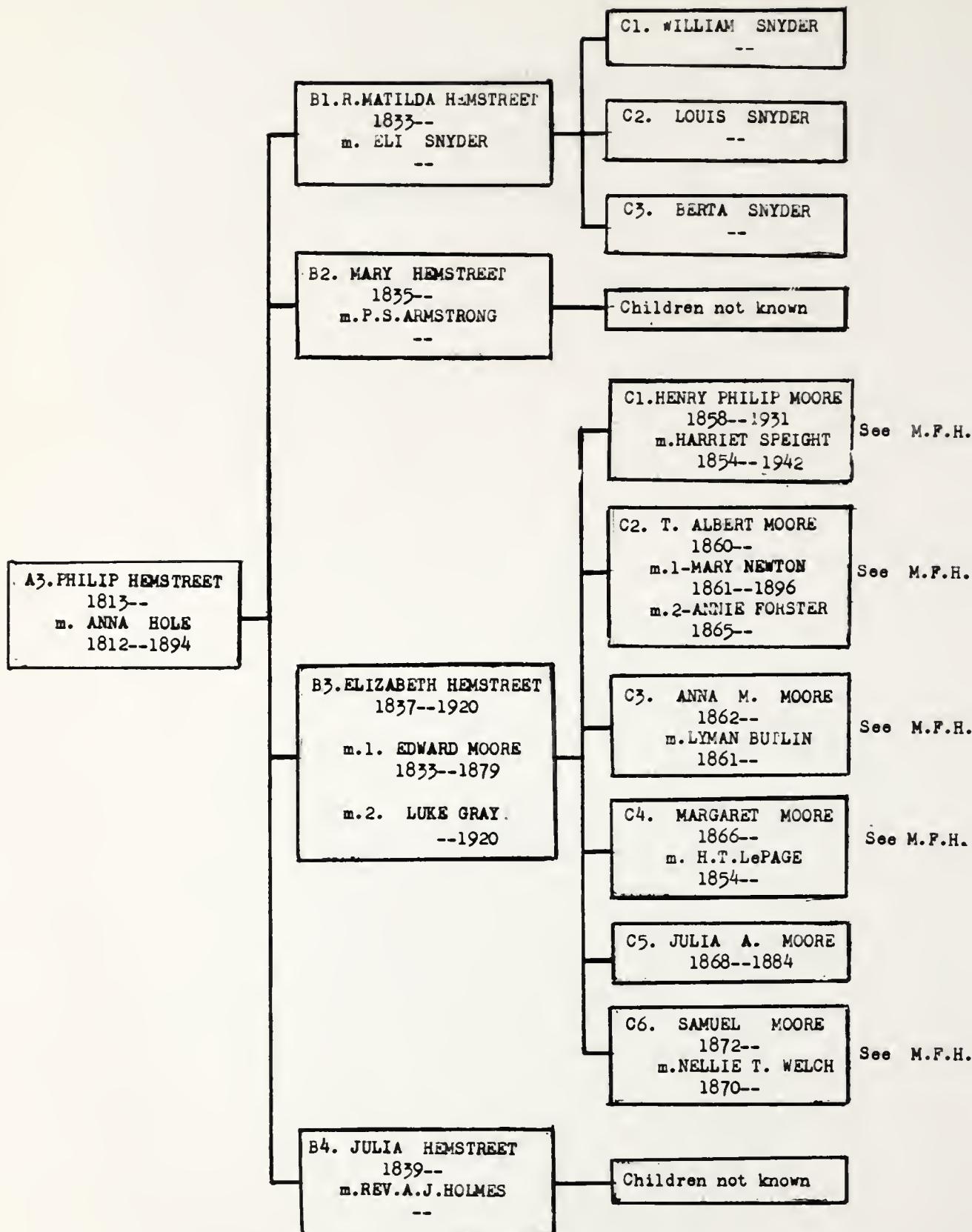
14. PHILIP HEMSTREET
(A2B5)

15. EMMA WHILE HEMSTREET
His wife



15A. LAWRENCE EUGENE BROOKS SR.
(A2,B2,C2,D1)
And wife DOROTHEA CARTER BROOKS

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CHAPTER V

BRANCH A3PHILIP HEMSTREET

Philip was born in U.S.A. By the best evidence we have it would appear that his birth date was 1813.

In July 1833 he married ANNA MARIA HOLE of Trafalgar. They went to "the far West", travelling in a covered wagon through Canada and Michigan to St. Charles, Ill. They remained ten years in that State and then returned to Canada.

In the Census of 1851 we find them in Trafalgar with their four daughters. We do not know the location of Philip's farm, but since Richard's record follows immediately after Philip's, it would appear that his land was adjacent to the Homestead.

In 1861 Philip was in Esquesing Township with only two of his daughters, the other two having been married. His farm in this Township was on Concession 1, Lot 29, which is in the northern part, one mile west of Acton. On the same lot was the farm of Thomas Moore. Philip's daughter Elizabeth married Thomas Moore's son Edward.

The Agricultural Census for Philip's Esquesing farm is as follows:

"40 ac., Val. \$500, Implements \$100,
Maple Syrup 30 gals., fulled cloth 10 yds.,
milch cows 4, Horses 2, Pigs 1."

In 1864 Philip and his family moved to Michigan where they lived till their deaths. We do not know just when or where Philip died. It would appear that they moved about Michigan.

Philip's wife, Anna Hole, was born in Somersetshire, England, on 21 Nov, 1812. She came with her parents to America in 1818. After one year in New York, they moved to Toronto, Ontario, then known as "Little York"; they afterward settled in Trafalgar. According to her obituary, "she was converted to God in early life and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. When she married Philip in 1833, she cheerfully shared with him the privations of pioneer life. When they returned to Michigan in 1864 she showed herself a zealous Christian, wherever she lived always identifying herself with the people of God. She organized Sunday Schools in neglected neighbourhoods, often walking 2 1/2 miles to prayer-meeting by the light of her lantern. She was rarely absent from church services till about six months before her death when her health failed."

After the death of Philip, Anna Hemstreet lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. A. J. Holmes of Metamora, Michigan. There she died on 16 March, 1894 and the funeral service took place in the Metamora Methodist Church.

She left four daughters - Mrs. Eli Snyder of Elmira, Ontario, Mrs. P. S. Armstrong of Ellis, Nebraska, Mrs. Lizzie Moore Gray of Hamilton, Ontario, and Mrs. Julia A. Holmes of Metamora, Michigan.

CHILDREN OF PHILIP and ANNA HOLE HEMSTREET

Although the Census of 1851 says the children were all born in Canada it does not seem likely. From other evidence it would appear that they were all born in U.S.A. The dates of their births are estimated from their ages in 1851 Census.

B1 RACHEL M. HEMSTREET b.1833

I.M.G. says Elizabeth had a sister Matilda who married ELI SNYDER and they lived in Guelph when "Maggie" and Henry Grindell (see William Hemstreet Branch A10) lived there. I.M.G. said she visited the Snyders with her mother and knew that Mrs. Snider and "Maggie" were cousins. The "M" in Rachel M. Hemstreet likely stands for Matilda and this would be the Mrs. Eli Snyder mentioned in the obituary.

CHILDREN OF MATILDA HEMSTREET and ELI SNYDER (I.M.G.)

C1 WILLIAM SNYDER

C2 LOUIS SNYDER

C3 BERTA SNYDER

B2 MARY HEMSTREET b. 1835

This would be the Mrs. P. S. Armstrong of Ellis, Neb. mentioned in the obituary. I.M.G. says she remembers a brother and sister named Armstrong from Nebraska who were visiting in Acton (likely at H.P. Moore's). They had bicycles and were going to ride to Guelph to visit other relatives (likely the Snyders). I.M.G. said she liked them so much she bicycled with them to show them the way to the Eramosa Gravel Road into Guelph. I.M.G. did not remember their names and we have no further information.

B3 ELIZABETH HEMSTREET

b. 4 July 1837 at St. Charles, Ill. (M.F.H.) Elizabeth was small and dainty and very much a lady. In later life after she married Mr. Luke Gray, she was affectionately known among the relatives as "Lady Gray". She married (1) EDWARD MOORE 3 December, 1857. They lived in Acton at the corner of Church and Frederick Street, later the site of "Moorecroft", the home of their son H.P. Moore. Edward lived all his married life in this home and died there 23 May, 1879.

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH HEMSTREET and EDWARD MOORE

C1 HENRY PHILIP MOORE b. at Acton 18 October, 1858.
 m. HARRIET ISABELLA SPEIGHT of Acton 3 December, 1879.
 "H.P." as he was familiarly known, studied at Rockwood Academy and Albert College, Belleville. He was very active in the Methodist Church and in municipal affairs, being 44 years Secretary-Treasurer of the Acton School Board. For 49 years he was owner and editor of the "Acton Free Press". H.P. compiled and edited "The Family History of Thomas Moore and His Descendants, 1802 - 1928", to which reference is frequently made herein. Henry died 2 July, 1931 and his wife died 22 June, 1942. Both are buried in the Acton Cemetery.

C2 THOMAS ALBERT MOORE b. at Acton, 29 June 1860.
 "T. Albert" was the first apprentice of the Acton Free Press and was associated with it for several years. In 1879 he entered the ministry of the Methodist Church. He attended Acton P.S., and Georgetown Academy. He was honoured with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by McGill University. He was very active in Methodist Church circles and The Lord's Day Alliance. He was Secretary of the Methodist Committee on Church Union. Later he was Moderator of the United Church of Canada. He married (1) MARY LETITIA NEWTON, (2) ANNIE LAURA FORSTER.

C3 ANNA MARIA MOORE b. 16 September, 1862 in Acton.
 m. LYMAN SYLVESTER BUTLIN on 7 November, 1883.

C4 MARGARET AGNES MOORE b. 11 March, 1866 in Acton.
 She married HENRY THOMAS LePAGE of Charlottetown, P.E.I. Mr. LePage introduced the individual communion cups in Canada and they have been manufactured in Toronto, Ontario since 1900 until today, under the LePage name, although H.T. LePage is long dead.

C5 JULIA AUGUSTA MOORE b. 29 March 1868. Died 12 May 1884.

C6 SAMUEL HERBERT MOORE b. 29 March 1872 at Acton.
 He married NELLIE TREMAINE WELCH of Camelford, Cornwall, England. Triplets were born to them in Toronto, 28 June 1902 - one boy and two girls. One girl died but the other two survived.

Elizabeth married (2) LUKE GRAY in 1886. He was a Methodist Local preacher from Hull, England. They lived in Hamilton, Ontario. Luke died in 1902. Elizabeth took up residence in Toronto and died there 19 February, 1920.

Only a brief outline is given here of the family of Elizabeth Hemstreet and Edward Moore, since full details were published in the "Moore Family History", pages 23-30.

B4 JULIA HEMSTREET b. 1839. She married the Reverend A.J. HOLMES and lived in Metamora, Michigan, at the time of her mother's death in 1894.

For those who may be interested in the research done to establish the above story of Philip's family, they might like to know how the record developed.

In the beginning we had little information about Philip. The Census of 1851 and 1861 yielded the following:

Trafalgar Township, Cy. Halton 1851 -

Philip Hemstreet, Farmer, b. U.S., Wes. Meth.	, Age 34
Ann " b. Eng.	" " " 35
Rachel M. " b. Can.	" " " 18
Mary " " "	" " " 16
Elizabeth " " "	" " " 14
Julia " " "	" " " 12

Esquesing Tshp., Cy. Halton 1861

Philip Hemstreet, Farmer b. U.S., Wes. Ch.,	Age 48
Anne " b. Eng.	" " " 48
Mary " Can. West" "	" 23 single
Julia " U.S. " "	" 19 single

Obviously these records are conflicting. From other sources we know that Anna Hemstreet was born in 1813. So she would be 38 in 1851. Since Philip was not likely to have a daughter born when he was 16, he was no doubt 38 also in 1851 and their ages as given in 1861 - 48 - would be correct.

The children's ages do not agree either, but we know from the M.F.H. that Elizabeth's age of 14 in 1851 was correct and that would make the other girls' ages at that date plausible.

Ida Goodeve said that Philip went to Illinois and the M.F.H. says that Elizabeth was born in St. Charles, Ill. So a letter was sent to the Postmaster in St. Charles asking for cemetery records. He answered that "No such name as Hemstreet is listed in any of the early records or directories".

So there the matter stood until my husband and I visited Benjamin Hemstreet's granddaughter, Lila McLean (Branch A8) in Glamis in 1961. Among her "Archives" was the obituary of Mrs. Philip Hemstreet who died in Metamora, Michigan in 1894. From that obituary most of the above material was gleaned. A letter was sent to the Postmaster in Metamora, asking for cemetery records, hoping that Philip's death would be entered, but the reply came back, "There is no record of any burial in the Metamora cemetery of anyone of the name of Hemstreet". Probably Anna was taken for burial to wherever Philip had been interred but we have no further information.



16. HENRY PHILIP MOORE
(A3,E3,01)



17. ROCKWOOD ACADEMY

This might be a suitable place to insert a note about that famous school, Rockwood Academy, where several of the family got their education. Near the village of Rockwood was a settlement of Quakers and one of their number, William Weatherald, opened a school for boys and young men in 1853. It became so famous that it attracted pupils from all over the Province. It began in a frame building but later a larger one was erected of native limestone. It housed 75 to 100 boys of public and high school age. Mr. Weatherald got his education at one of the leading Quaker Schools in England, at Ackworth, Yorkshire. He had outstanding teaching ability. He sold the Academy in 1864 and it continued under other principals till 1883. The sturdy limestone has resisted the ravages of time and the building still stands, part of it being used as a dwelling.

CHAPTER VI

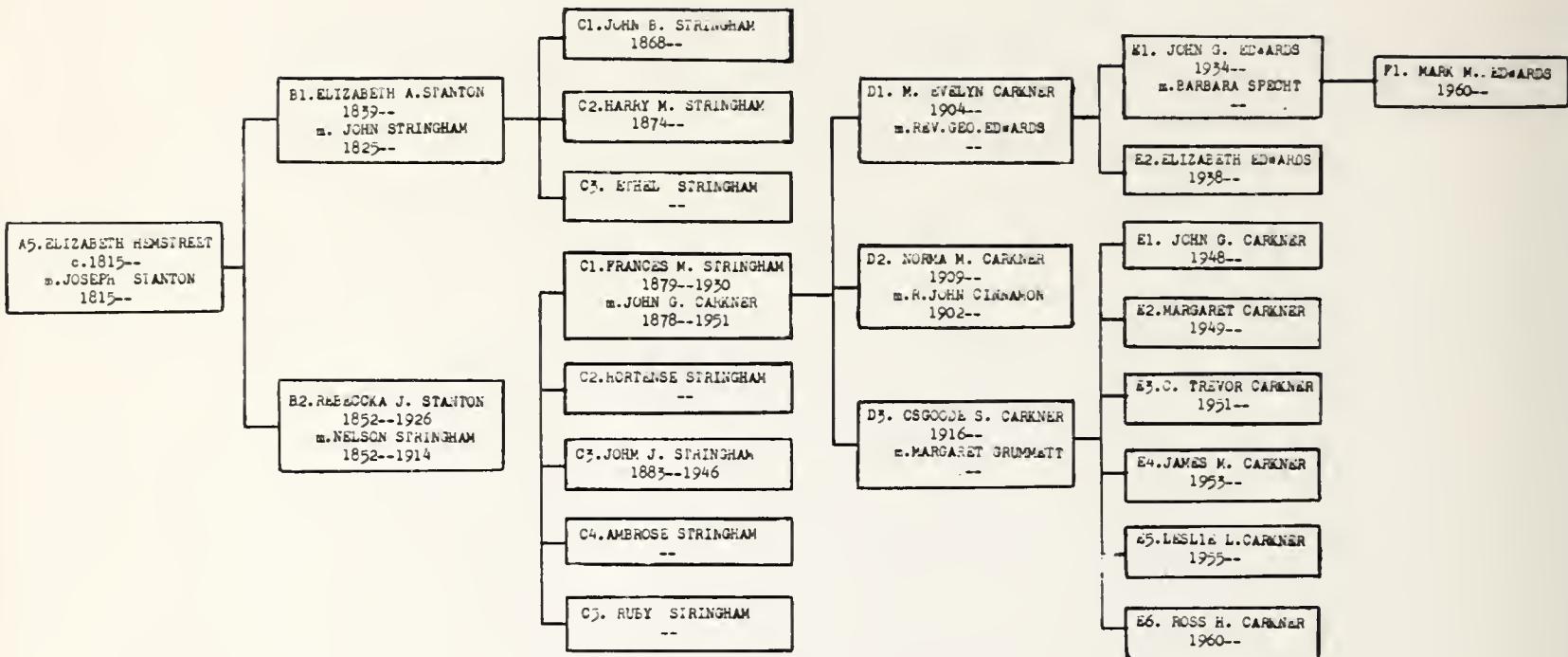
BRANCH A4

MARTHA HEMSTREET

Birth and death dates unknown. Probably born about 1815. She married --- THATCHER. The only knowledge we have of her is her married name, Martha Thatcher in her father's Will.

In the 1851 Census of Trafalgar immediately following Philip Hemstreet's family appears "JOHN THATCHER" b. in Canada, aged 9 and Richard Hemstreet and his family immediately follow. It would thus seem as though a son of Martha Thatcher was with Philip's family at the time the Census was taken. But in all the Census search which I have done, the name of Thatcher does not appear. So for the present that is all we know of Martha.

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CHAPTER VII

BRANCH A5ELIZABETH HEMSTREET

Elizabeth's birth and death dates are unknown.

A.L.H. said that Elizabeth married JOSEPH STANTON of Oxford County, Ontario. Once, when Ida Goodeve was visiting us in Ottawa the Reverend George Edwards was minister of McPhail Baptist Church here and had formerly been minister in Port Arthur, where he had known the Goodeves. Ida and I were talking about families with Mrs. Edwards and we happened to mention the name of 'Hemstreet'. Mrs. Edwards said, "My great grandmother was a Hemstreet.. Does the name of Stanton or Stringham mean anything to you?" Whereupon I consulted my notes from A.L.H. and there was "Elizabeth married Joseph Stanton".

Mrs. Edwards' sister, Mrs. John Cinnamon lives at Kenmore, Ontario, a village about 25 miles from Ottawa. She has an old "Family Tree" which she allowed me to study. From it and from Mrs. Cinnamon herself, the following information was obtained. It is not a complete record but it is all we have at present.

Elizabeth married JOSEPH STANTON who was born 4 May, 1815 and they lived in Oxford County.

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH HEMSTREET and JOSEPH STANTON

(The words in the following are spelt as on the "Family Tree")

Bl ELIZABETH ANN STANTON

b. 1 November, 1839 in Trifolger (Trafalgar).

m. JOHN STRINGHAM on 1 November, 1865 in Norwich. She was his second wife. He was born in 1825.

John Stringham's first wife was Sarah Sipprell whose parents were James and Mary Sipprell of New Brunswick; "occupation farming; profession Bابتist". John and Sarah were married 1 June, 1851 at Blenheim by Elder Haviland. The Census of Norwich Township, Oxford County gives the religion of John Stringham as Quaker or Friend. However, later the Stringhams were Baptist.

CHILDREN OF SARAH SIPPRELL and JOHN STRINGHAM

1. <u>NELSON STRINGHAM</u>	b. Norwich	22 August, 1852
2. EMMA J. "	b. "	24 December, 1853
3. JAMES O. "	b. "	5 February, 1857
4. NANCY A. "	b. "	6 June, 1860
5. MARY ELMA "	b. "	29 May, 1862
6. SARAH E. "	b. "	11 January, 1864

Sarah died 20 January, 1864 and was buried in Windham, and John married Elizabeth Ann Stanton 1 November, 1865.

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH ANN STANTON and JOHN STRINGHAM

C1 JOHN BENSON SMITH STRINGHAM b. 12 January, 1868

C2 HARRY NEWTON HUBERT STRINGHAM b. 6 August, 1874

C3 ETHEL STRINGHAM, last heard from was living in Florida.

B2 REBECKA JANE STANTON b. 12 August 1852
 m. NELSON STRINGHAM (b. 22 August 1852) in S. Norwich on 22 December, 1872. Note that Nelson Stringham was Rebecka's sister Elizabeth Anne's stepson. The record does not say that Rebecka was a daughter of Elizabeth Hemstreet and Joseph Stanton but Norma Cinnamon got the information from an elderly daughter of Mary Elma Stringham that Elizabeth Anne and Rebecka were indeed sisters, though very different types of women. Also, Norma has pictures of other Hemstreets taken by G.A. Hemstreet (see Branch A7, B4), a photographer in Milton, and sent to Mrs. Nelson Stringham, which definitely connects her with this family. Nelson and Rebecka lived in Woodstock and were buried there.

CHILDREN OF REBECKA STANTON and NELSON STRINGHAM

C1 FRANCES MATILDA STRINGHAM b. 1879, d. 1930

C2 HORTENSE STRINGHAM

C3 JOHN STRINGHAM

C4 AMBROSE STRINGHAM

C5 RUBY STRINGHAM

C1 FRANCES MATILDA STRINGHAM b. 1879, d. 30 May 1930, aged 51.
 Frances married JOHN GIVENS CARKNER of Kenmore, Ontario on 17 September, 1902. John Carkner was born 8 October, 1878 and died 14 February, 1951. He graduated from Woodstock Baptist College in 1900, but for the rest of his life lived in Kenmore where he had a lumber business dealing in sash and door and building supplies. Frances and John were both active in the Kenmore Baptist Church.

CHILDREN OF FRANCES STRINGHAM and JOHN CARKNERD1 MARGARET EVELYN CARKNER b. 14 June, 1904.

Evelyn graduated from McMaster University in 1926. She was Secretary in the Y.W.C.A. in Toronto and then Girls' Work Director in Yorkminster Baptist Church, Toronto. On 18 August, 1930, she married the Reverend GEORGE EDWARDS who was born in Ste. Therese (now Marionville) and brought up in Winchester, both villages near Kenmore. He has had pastorates in First Baptist Church, Port Arthur and McPhail Memorial Baptist Church, Ottawa. He is now at Strathcona Church, Edmonton, Alberta. Wherever her husband ministers, Evelyn takes an active and very capable part in both Church and denominational activities.

CHILDREN OF EVELYN CARKNER and GEORGE EDWARDSE1 JOHN GARLAND EDWARDS b. 25 January, 1934 in Port Arthur. John is a graduate of McMaster University in Arts and Divinity. On 23 May, 1959 he married BARBARA SPECHT. He is now the Reverend John Edwards, minister of Kingsland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta.CHILD of JOHN and BARBARA SPECHT EDWARDSF1 MARK McDougall EDWARDS b. 1960.E2 ELIZABETH ANN EDWARDS b. 8 June, 1938 in Ottawa. Elizabeth is a graduate of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, in Arts and Education. She is now teaching in Calgary, Alberta.D2 NORMA MARION CARKNER b. 26 May 1909. Norma attended McMaster University for two years but when her mother died in 1930 she left college and took charge of the home in Kenmore for her father and young brother. She spent a short period as a Secretary in the Out-patient Section of the Ottawa Civic Hospital. On 25 October, 1952 she married RUSSELL JOHN CINNAMON of Kenmore. John is a salesman for J.I. Case Company, Farm Machinery. They have no children.D3 OSGOODE STANTON CARKNER b. 19 October, 1916.

Osgoode served in the R.C.A.F. for nine years from 1937. After taking his discharge he was Sales Manager in Toronto for Westinghouse Company's Air-Conditioning Department for ten years. Now he is Sales Manager of heating and air-conditioning equipment for the Danfoss Company of Port Credit. In 1946 he married MARGARET GRUMMETT of Rivers, Manitoba. They live in Streetsville, Ontario.

CHILDREN OF OSGOODE and MARGARET GRUMMETT CARKNER

E1 JOHN GREGORY CARKNER
b. 1 May, 1948

E2 MARGARET FRANCES CARKNER
b. 23 August, 1949

E3 CARLTON TREVOR CARKNER
b. 9 October, 1951

E4 JAMES MUNRO CARKNER
b. 12 March, 1953

E5 LESLIE LYN CARKNER
b. 17 October, 1955

E6 ROSS HAMILTON CARKNER
b. 9 May, 1960

CHAPTER VIII

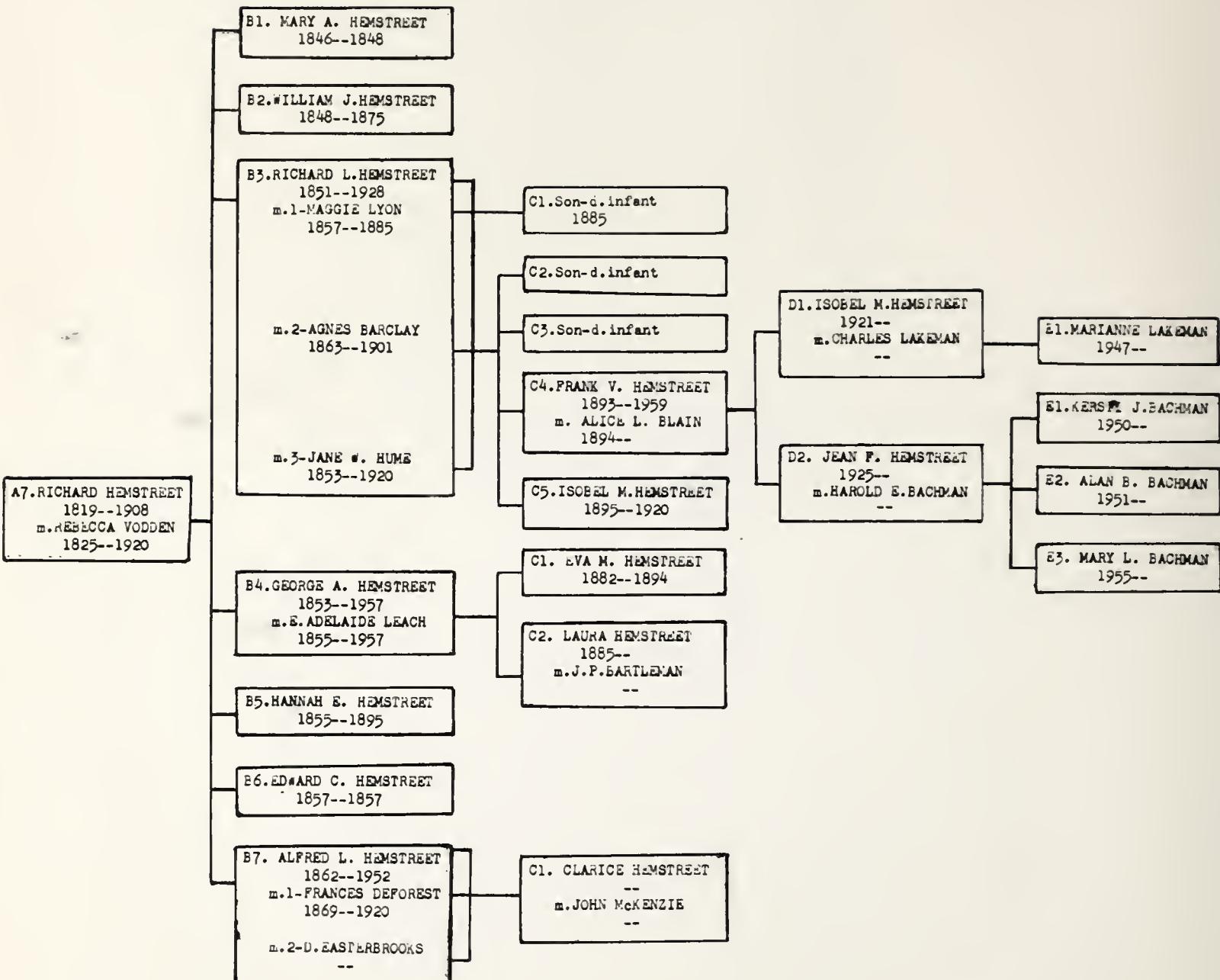
BRANCH A6PETER HEMSTREET

We have no knowledge of Peter Hemstreet other than the mention of him in his father's Will.



18. REBECCA STANTON STRINGHAM
(A5,B2)

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CHAPTER IX

BRANCH A7RICHARD HEMSTREET

Richard was 3 years old when the family came to Canada. He was born 14 February, 1819 in U.S.A. He died 29 December, 1908 (T.M.C.) at the age of 89 at his residence on Victoria Avenue, Milton. He had remained on the homestead when his father died and was allowed by the executors' of John's Will to buy it in November, 1852 (R.O.M.) subject to the maintenance of his mother, Martha Hemstreet. She apparently stayed with him till her death in 1867. In 1901 Richard sold the farm to his son Alfred L. Hemstreet and evidently then retired to Milton. He would be 82 at that time. Ida Goodeve remembers them living "in a nice brick house in Milton. Richard was tall and slight, very friendly and nice to meet. So was Aunt Rebecca, a very sweet woman reminding one of 'Lavender and Old Lace'".

Richard married REBECCA VODDEN who was born on 2 December, 1825 in England (C.P.A.) We do not know whether she was a sister of Grace Voden who married Richard's brother Miller (A 2), but it would seem probable. L.E.B. has a letter written to his grandfather (A2 B2) William Hemstreet dated 12 January, 1894, and signed by Richard Hemstreet, which says, in part:

"We are all well except Hannah, she is poorly - - - - I do hope when you get this you will let us know how you all are and how your mother is at present. - - - - William it seems that I have to remind you of your indebtedness, now I hope you will be kind enough to send me the balance due me, I have waited a long time now. You thought it a great kindness of us to keep your mother (Grace Voden Hemstreet) for so little - - -. If Hannah hadn't got so unwell we might have kept your mother longer but your aunt (Rebecca) was not able to do all the work. - - - I and Rebecca send our love.

Yours truly,

Richard Hemstreet."

This letter would seem to indicate that Grace and Rebecca were related, otherwise Richard and Rebecca would not likely be caring for Grace.

In Lila McLean's collection there is the following obituary:

"Mrs. Hemstreet, Milton, died at the age of 95 Nov 26 (1920). She was one of the pioneers of Halton. Widow of the late Richard Hemstreet, she

was born in Devonshire, Eng. on 2nd Dec. 1825. With her parents she came to Canada in 1829. She lived in Halton upwards of 85 years. Her mental and physical faculties were almost unimpaired until the moment of her death due to heart failure. ---- She was a life-long Methodist. She is survived by three sons: Richard L., George A. and Alfred, all residents of Milton."

CHILDREN OF RICHARD and REBECCA VODDEN HEMSTREET (C.P.A., T.M.C.)

B1 MARY ANN HEMSTREET b. 1846, d. November, 1848, aged 2 years.

B2 WILLIAM JOHN HEMSTREET b. 1848 in Upper Canada; d. 2 November, 1875, aged 27 years.

B3 RICHARD LAWRENCE HEMSTREET b. 1851 in U.C.; d. 1928, aged 77 years. Richard L. lived in Milton. He had a dry goods store there and his brother George joined him in the business for 19 years.

Lawrence Brooks has in his possession a letter written to his grandfather William Hemstreet on 8 November, 1914, and is signed by R.L. Hemstreet. The occasion for the letter was the news of the death of William's son (A2 B5) Philip. The tone of the letter is friendly and kindly. It says, in part:

"Milton, Ontario.
Nov 8, 1914.

Dear Cousin:

It is feeling with much regret that I think of the sad occurrence that has been the means of resurrecting communications between us, it is surely too bad that we so closely tied by relationship should have allowed ourselves to become so estranged, an open confession, it is said, is good for the soul and I freely confess that I am perhaps as much to blame as any."

Mother (Rebecca) has often said, Oh I wish I could hear from Aunt Grace's boys and has asked many times why we never wrote. ---- that that state of things should have existed all these years is a matter of regret to me at least, and especially when the news of Philip's death came and none of us could go ----.

Mother joins me in kindest remembrance to Cousin Sara and the family. Convey our keenest sympathy to Cousin Emma and her boy and ask them to write me giving me her address that I may share with her more directly her great sorrow.

Mother is living with me and though 89 next December is remarkable smart, with what I can assist her she does all the housework except washing days and sews evenings by lamplight without glasses. I would have a girl in to do the work but she won't hear of it. She believes she is better in health in doing it herself, perhaps it may be so.

My son and daughter are both in Toronto but come to see us frequently.

Awaiting yours, I am affectionately, cousin,

R. L. Hemstreet."

The above letter gives us a little insight into Richard L.s character and tells us considerable about that wonderful old lady. Rebecca Vodden Hemstreet. Also it emphasizes what has been noted in the preparation of this story, that the various branches of John's family did not keep in close touch with each other. Hence (A10) William's family were quite ignorant of Miller's family and of (A9) George's family and so forth. This made it very difficult to gather the information.

Richard L. was married three times (T.M.C.)
m. (1) MAGGIE LYON b. 1857; d. 27 February 1885, aged 28.

(2) AGNES BARCLAY b. 1863; d. 2 March, 1901, aged 38.

(3) JANE WILKIE HUME b. 1853; d. 1920, aged 66.

Richard Lawrence Hemstreet went to live with his son Frank in Minneapolis in his later years after he had had a stroke but he was buried in Milton. He died in 1928.

CHILD OF RICHARD and MAGGIE LYON HEMSTREET

C1 Infant son d. 27 February, 1885.

CHILDREN OF RICHARD and AGNES BARCLAY HEMSTREET

C2) Baby sons who died as infants.
C3)

C4 FRANK VODDEN HEMSTREET b. 1893; d. 30 December, 1959.

Frank married ALICE LUELLA BLAIN who was born at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario in 1894. They were married in Milton on 6 September, 1916. They went to Minneapolis where Frank was Credit Manager with Bachman's Florists. At the time of his death they were living at 7301 Harriet Avenue, South, Minneapolis 23, Minn. Alice was able to continue

in that home and her daughters live nearby. Laura Bartleman (A7 C2) supplied Frank's address in 1959, but by the time a letter reached him he was ill in hospital and did not recover. Alice kindly supplied the details of their family.

CHILDREN OF FRANK and ALICE BLAIN HEMSTREET

D1 ISOBEL MARY HEMSTREET b. 23 January, 1921;
m. CHARLES LAKEMAN, an accountant with
Bachman's Inc. Florists.

CHILD OF ISOBEL HEMSTREET and CHARLES LAKEMAN

E1 MARIANNE LAKEMAN b. 7 August, 1947.

D2 JEAN FRANCES HEMSTREET b. 11 March, 1925;
m. HAROLD LEE BACHMAN, treasurer of Bachman's
Florists.

CHILDREN OF JEAN HEMSTREET and HAROLD BACHMAN

E1 KERSTI JEAN BACHMAN b. 30 August, 1950.

E2 ALAN BLAIN BACHMAN b. 11 November, 1951.

E3 MARY LOU BACHMAN b. 26 July, 1955.

Alice adds an interesting note about the Bachman family. She says, "The Grandfather Bachman started a business from a few seeds he brought from Germany. He grew vegetables at first and then flowers. Now it is one of the largest retail and wholesale nursery and flower businesses in the United States and is owned by the seven grandsons; Jean's husband is one of them."

C5 ISOBEL MARY HEMSTREET b. 1895, d. 1920, aged 25.
She is buried in Milton.

B4 GEORGE A. HEMSTREET

b. in Upper Canada, 4 April, 1853 and died in Milton
6 February, 1957 in his 104th year (C.P.A.).

The following is a quotation from a Milton newspaper at the time of their 73rd wedding anniversary in 1954:

" Milton was a village of less than 1000 residents when Mr. Hemstreet left the homestead, 5 miles east of Milton. At 23 he became a photographer and within 2 years bought out his employer. 'Four tintypes for 50¢ and we thought we were making a fortune' he recalled. After 11 years of taking pictures he joined his brother who had just started a dry good business where he remained for 19 years.

Town politics became his full time job then. For 45 years Mr. Hemstreet played a prominent part in municipal affairs with 15 years as councillor, 4 as assessor and tax collector and finally 26 as clerk-treasurer. Due to ill-health, Mr. Hemstreet retired from municipal politics in 1936, remaining as secretary-treasurer of the Milton Cemetery Co. until a couple of years ago when he retired after having completed more than 45 years of service."

There are many pictures of relatives, taken by "G.A. Hemstreet" Milton, to be found in the old photograph albums of the Hemstreets.

On 28 September, 1881, George married ELIZA ADELAIDE LEACH of Oakville, Halton County. They celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary and at that time, 1954, they were the oldest living married couple in Canada. "Addie" was born 22 May, 1855; so in 1954 Addie was 99 years and George 101, but they lived to celebrate their 75th anniversary. George died in 1957 in his 104th year. Addie only survived him by a few months.

They were both very interested in the Milton United Church. They taught Sunday School in their earlier years and George was an Honourary Elder

Once asked for the secret of their long happy marriage, Addie replied:

"We had no secret for successful marriage. We were just too happy to wonder why. We just fell in love and stayed in love."

Neither of them ever smoked, drank alcoholic beverages or drove a car!

CHILDREN OF GEORGE and ADELAIDE LEACH HEMSTREET

C1 EVA MAUDE HEMSTREET

b. December, 1882; d. 30 May, 1894, aged 11 years 6 months.

C2 LAURA HEMSTREET

b. 13 July, 1885. Laura was married in Milton in 1919 to JAMES PETERSON BARTLEMAN who is a realtor in Timmins, Ont. He was at one time mayor of that town. Laura lived with her parents in their latter years. She has supplied the information about them.

B5 HANNAH OR ANNA ELIZABETH HEMSTREET

b. 1855; d. 26 February, 1895, aged 39 years 11 months, in Milton.

L.E.B. has another letter addressed to his grandfather William L. It is dated at Milton, 9th February, 1895 and

signed "Anna E. Hemstreet". In the letter she tells the news of the family and speaks of her own poor health, saying, in part:

"We were very glad to hear from all of you, and glad indeed that you do not suffer with asthma any more. - - - I am very miserable, William - - - my limbs are so swollen, weak and stiff that I can hardly go upstairs or outdoors the length of our yard - - -.

We are glad to hear that Aunt Grace is well, mother wonders how she stands this cold weather. Father and mother say there has not been such an intensely cold winter in 50 years. On Wednesday morning the thermometer registered 27° below zero. - - - Richard's little children are both bad with whooping cough and the baby only 3 weeks old. Little Frank is one of the dearest little ones you ever saw. Agnes is well but she and Richard are losing so much rest it is hard on them (A8 B1) - - - - George's are pretty well. Little Laura looks very delicate and misses her sister very much. (A7 B4) - - - Moses is home (A8 B1). - - -

Mrs. Aggie Ramsay (A10 B1) is in Acton visiting from Gloversville. Uncle Will (A10) brought her and Charlotte (A10 B7) down last Monday, she looks real well. - - - Charlotte looked at me and said, 'Well you are thin surely' but they don't know how I feel, so miserable so much of the time. - - -

I had a card from my Aunt Mary Drinkwater saying she had heard from her grandma, our Aunt Elizabeth (A5?). She was well and spent the day with her daughter Mrs. Lewis who lives near her. - - -

You would be surprised to hear of Alfred's (A7 B7) change of business, well his wife has never been very strong and he is not strong himself - - - so he decided to try the store. Uncle Will was here Monday last, he said he thought Alfred was getting a fair share of business. They live in the same building with the store and he has 4 lots of ground with it where he can make a garden. - - -

Tell Aunt Grace and Sarah we have 4 calla lilies almost out, one is fully open with all the cold weather and many plants doing well. - - -

Mother thinks if you knew how glad she is to hear from you you would write oftener.

From cousin

Anna E. Hemstreet."

What a long chatty letter! It was written a little at a time just two weeks before her death. This letter and a reference to her in Richard's letter to William is all we know of Anna or Hannah, as her father called her.

This letter is quoted at some length since it gives intimate glimpses of so many of the relatives. All those mentioned can be identified as I have indicated, except "Aunt Mary Drinkwater" and "Mrs. Lewis".

B6 EDWARD CLARKSON HEMSTREET
 b. 1857; d. 7 November, 1857, aged 7 months (T.M.C.).

B7 ALFRED LOUIS HEMSTREET
 b. 1862; d. 1952.

This is the Alfred L. Hemstreet whose account of the family was the starting point for this history.

Alfred seems to have wandered back and forward between Milton and Acton. In Hannah's letter she speaks of his having a store. That store was in Acton at the corner of Main and Mill Street. The store had belonged to Thomas Moore, a brother of Agnes Moore Hemstreet (ALO). Apparently he did not stay there very long for I have no recollection of his being in that store. I do remember visiting at his home on a farm just outside Milton when I was quite small. In 1901 he bought the Hemstreet homestead and sold it again in 1911. In 1920 when his mother died he was in Milton.

Alfred (Fred) married (1) FRANCES A. DEFOREST. "Frankie" was born 1869 and died also in 1920 on 4th September, aged 51 years. She was buried in Milton.

He married (2) DORCAS EASTERBROOKS and in May, 1937 they were living on (ALO) William's former farm in Acton on Main Street near the railroad track. It is a large brick house and originally belonged to William's mother-in-law. In 1937 it still stood by itself in the fields some distance back from the street. It was there that I visited him. Since then the farm has been sold for a housing development but the old house is still there.

Alfred's wife, Dorcas, died in Acton in September, 1937, aged 54. He became blind and gave up the big house but continued to live in Acton till his last illness.

"The Canadian Champion", the Milton newspaper printed the following obituary on 11 December, 1952:

"At the fine old age of 90 years, Alfred Hemstreet passed away on Friday last at St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph where he had been a patient for a week or so. Although his eyesight had failed, he was able to be about until his last illness. He had spent his life in Acton and Milton and was a native of Halton County.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. McKenzie of Belle River, Ont., and one brother, Mr. George Hemstreet of Milton, now in his 100th year. Mr. Hemstreet was a

member of the United Church and as long as his health permitted he was a regular attendant. He was a staunch conservative in Politics and took a keen interest in earlier years in all public affairs. - - -

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton."

CHILD OF ALFRED and FRANCES DEFOREST HEMSTREET

CL CLARICE HEMSTREET

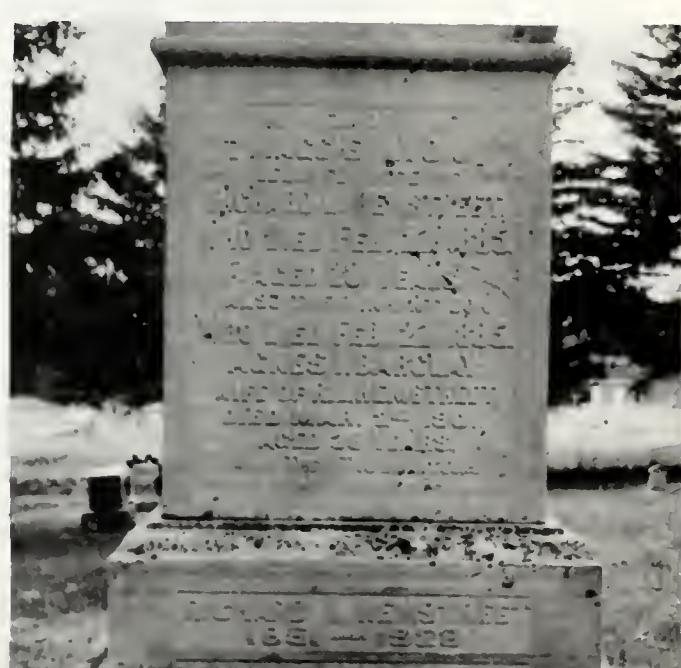
m. JOHN MCKENZIE and lived in Toronto. She has three daughters, so Laura Bartleman says, but none of the cousins knew her address. After getting Alfred's obituary I wrote to Belle River but the letter was returned. It seems strange that none of the cousins brought up in Milton had kept in touch with her.



19. RICHARD HEMSTREET (A7) and wife
REBECCA VODDEN HEMSTREET



20. SIDE OF GRAVESTONE
For Richard and Rebecca,
George A. and wife Eliza A.



21. SIDE OF GRAVESTONE
For Richard L. and wives
Maggie Lyon and Agnes Barcley

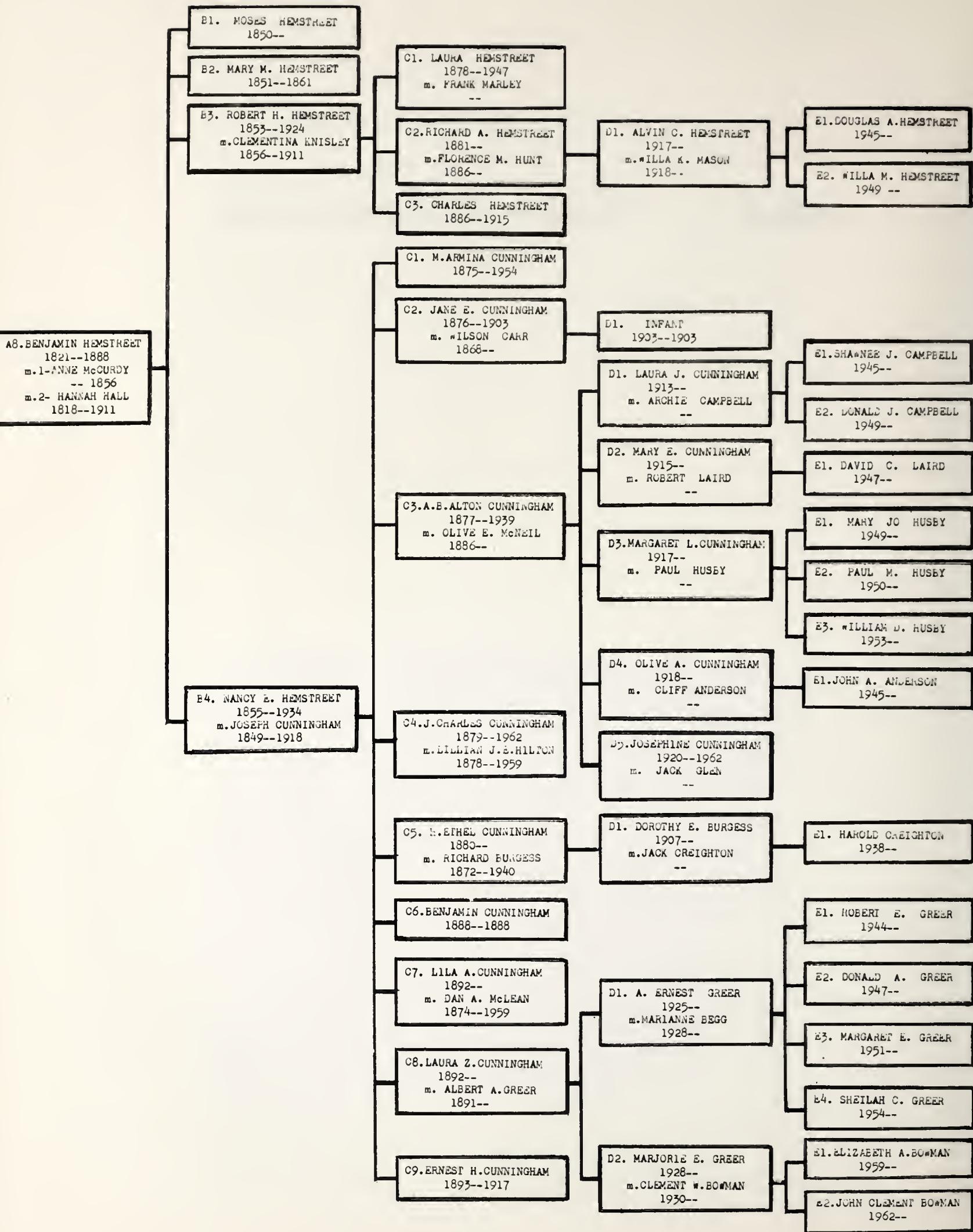


22. GEORGE A. HEMSTREET
On his 100th birthday



23. ELIZA LEACH HEMSTREET
On her 100th birthday

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CHAPTER X

BRANCH A8

BENJAMIN HEMSTREET

Benjamin was born 1821 and died 28 February, 1888 aged 66 years, 2 months, at his home in Milton.

Benjamin would have been a babe in arms when John and Martha came to Canada in 1822. By the time they settled in Trafalgar he would be 8 years old. By the Census of 1861 we know he was in Walpole Township, County Haldimand. He is listed as an "innkeeper" in the village of Hagersville. But by 1871 he was in Trafalgar on a 100-acre farm on the west half of Concession 6, adjacent to the home farm. He also had asthma. In later years he retired to Milton.

Benjamin married twice. His first wife was MARY ANN McCURDY from the 8th Line near Hornby, Trafalgar. They were married on 8 March, 1849. Their marriage license reads:

"I hereby certify that Benjamin Hempstreet and Mary A. McCurdy, both of this Township (Trafalgar) were this day lawfully married by me in virtue of a special License under the hand and seal of the Governor General.

Peter Ferguson, Minister of the Presbyterian
Church, Esquesing, C.W.

Joseph Hall) witnesses,
Richard Hemstreet) "

They had four children and Mary Ann died 1 February, 1856.

Benjamin then married HANNAH HALL on 27 November, 1856. Hannah was born in England in 1818 and died in Milton on 18 April, 1911 at the age of 93. Hannah took over the care of Benjamin's four little children and was a real mother to them. His grandson Richard says there never was a better grandmother than Hannah, "a better woman never lived".

Benjamin's granddaughter, Lila McLean, also speaks highly of Hannah. She said they always thought of her as their real grandmother and she was very good to them all. Lila had many pictures of them, including those shown here, and she treasures them all.

On the same tombstone as Benjamin and Hannah were other Halls and Reids. Halls and Reids were neighbours and inter-married. Both Halls and McCurdys had farms on the 8th Line.

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN and MARY ANN McCURDY HEMSTREETB1 MOSES HEMSTREET

b. 19 February, 1850, named for his uncle Moses McCurdy. He was not 'quite bright' but worked on the farms round about. However, he got farther and farther away from home and finally the family lost track of him.

B2 MARY "MATILDY" HEMSTREET

b. 21 August, 1851; d. 2 April, 1861.

B3 ROBERT HENRY HEMSTREET

b. 4 June, 1835 near Hagersville, just a few weeks younger than George A. Robert died 16 June, 1924.

He was originally a storekeeper in Cheapside, Walpole Township, Haldimand County. Edmund Hemstreet, son of William (ALO - see below) worked for Robert in that store and Edmund's daughter, Anna Zavitz, has spice cannisters from that shop at her cottage in Muskoka.

Robert next went to a store in Aylmer, Ontario in 1886 and then moved on to St. Thomas where he and the family lived till 1905. For a few years he travelled in New York City and then for John L. Cassidy Chinaware Company in Montreal. In his travels he became interested in the Imperial Hotel at Indian Head, Saskatchewan, and took it over for several years. He died 16 June, 1924 and was buried in Indian Head.

On 27 November, 1877 Robert married CLEMENTINA KNISLEY b. 2 April, 1856 at Selkirk, near Cheapside. Her step-father was John W. Steele and A.L.H. called her "Jenny Steele". Their son Richard pays tribute to her thus, "My mother was a most Christian woman". She went to visit her son Charles in Rochester, N.Y., and was taken sick there. Her daughter Laura went there to look after her. Clementina died in Rochester, 17 March, 1911 and was buried there.

CHILDREN OF ROBERT and CLEMENTINA KNISLEY HEMSTREET

C1 LAURA HEMSTREET b. 17 October, 1878; d. 28 June, 1947. When Laura went to Rochester to look after her mother they had a suite in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gaunder. Sometime after her mother died, Laura married FRANK MARLEY, a son of Mrs. Gaunder by a former marriage.

The Gaunders and Marleys operated a restaurant in Clarence Centre near Buffalo, N.Y. Laura was lots of fun and very pretty. She raised pure-bred Boston Bull puppies. They also had a shooting gallery and the

first miniature golf course in that area. Frank was Sheriff of Erie County. Laura loved clothes and did shopping for other people on a commission basis. She enjoyed the shopping very much. She loved life and was a very vital woman. The Marleys and Anna Zavitz visited each other and Anna furnished the above details. Laura died of cancer in 1947.

Laura was buried next to her mother in Rochester.

No children of this marriage.

C2 RICHARD ALVIN HEMSTREET

Richard "Dick", was born at Cheapside 8 January, 1881. Dick supplied a large amount of the information of his branch of the family as given here. He sent a clipping from a Regina newspaper which was a tribute to him on his retirement from the "Regina Morning Leader", where he had been a linotype operator. The following quotations are from that clipping, -

"Dick started the printing trade with the Journal in St. Thomas, Ont. He came west in 1906 to a job with the Moose Jaw Times. In 1908 he moved to the Regina Morning Leader. - - - One of Dick's vivid memories is of the big wind (cyclone) that hit Regina in 1912. He had some furniture stored in a building. The building, furniture and all, was wrecked. - - - Until 1945 when he was ill for some weeks he was a most dedicated curler. His other sporting interests are golf and football. - - - He was 56 years in the printing business."

On 11 October, 1916 Dick married FLORENCE MAY HUNT daughter of the late Dr. Hunt of Indian Head. Florence was born in Moorefield, Ontario on 21 May, 1886 and was married in Indian Head. Florence's hobby is her garden.

Until 1961 their home in Regina was at 2337 Argyle Street. In the fall of 1961 they moved to Lloydminster, Saskatchewan to be near their son.

CHILD OF RICHARD and FLORENCE HUNT HEMSTREET

D1 ALVIN CHARLES HEMSTREET

b. 7 November, 1917 in Regina. Alvin is a druggist and is manager of the drug department of the Co-Op Company at Lloydminster. He lives in Alberta and works in Saskatchewan, since the boundary line of the two provinces runs down the main street of the town. Alvin married WILLA KATHARINE MASON, a nurse,

on 26 June, 1943 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
She was born in Indian Head on 6 April, 1918.

CHILDREN OF ALVIN and WILLA MASON HEMSTREET

E1 DOUGLAS ALVIN HEMSTREET
b. 1 April, 1945 in Saskatoon.

E2 WILLA MAUREEN HEMSTREET
b. 6 May, 1949 in Saskatoon.

C3 CHARLES HEMSTREET

b. 4 December 1886, d. October, 1915 and was
buried in Detroit.

B4 NANCY ELIZABETH HEMSTREET

b. 18 May, 1855. Nancy was married on 13 October, 1874
to JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM of Trafalgar. Joseph was born
12 February, 1849.

The Cunninghams had farms on the 5th Line. Nancy and Joseph went to live in the village of Glamis, Bruce County, Ontario. Joseph had a general store there till he died. Then his wife Nancy and daughters Laura and Lila carried on the store till Laura married. Her husband "Bert" Greer took over the store.

The Hemstreets and Cunninghams were both Methodists. When Nancy and Joseph went to Glamis there was no Methodist Church there so they went to the Baptist Church and became members of it.

Joseph died 11 August, 1918 and Nancy 14 April, 1934, aged 78 years, 11 months. Both are buried in Purdy's Cemetery, Greenock Township, Bruce County.

CHILDREN OF NANCY HEMSTREET and JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM

C1 MARY ARMINA EDITH CUNNINGHAM
b. 4 August, 1875. "Mina" worked in Glamis and Hamilton. She never married. She died 17 April, 1954.

C2 JANE ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM
b. 14 August, 1876. On 19 December, 1901 Elizabeth married WILSON CARR who was born 12 April, 1868. Elizabeth died at the birth of her only child on 3 June, 1903. Her child also died and Wilson retired in Paisley.

C3 ANDREW BENJAMIN ALTON CUNNINGHAM
b. 15 December, 1877. Alton was a contractor. He was also a Member of the Provincial Parliament in Saskatchewan and Sheriff in Melville, Saskatchewan. d. 10 May 1939. Alton married OLIVE ELSIE McNEILL on 25 December, 1912. She was born at Moosomin, Saskatchewan, 10 October, 1886.

CHILDREN OF ALTON and OLIVE McNEILL CUNNINGHAM

D1 LAURA JEAN CUNNINGHAM
 b. 14 November, 1913; m. ARCHIE CAMPBELL
 on 16 August, 1944. They live in Whitewood,
 Saskatchewan.

CHILDREN OF LAURA CUNNINGHAM and ARCHIE CAMPBELL

E1 SHAWNEE JEAN CAMPBELL,
 b. 27 July, 1945

E2 DONALD JOHN CAMPBELL
 b. 6 January, 1949

D2 MARY ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM
 b. 29 August, 1915. m. ROBERT LAIRD on 5 August,
 1940. They live in British Columbia.

CHILD OF MARY CUNNINGHAM and ROBERT LAIRD

E1 DAVID CUNNINGHAM LAIRD
 b. 18 December, 1947.

D3 MARGARET LILA ALTON CUNNINGHAM
 b. 25 March, 1917.
 m. PAUL HUSBY on 28 June, 1947.
 They live at 16 Ledgewood Drive, Rexdale, Ontario

CHILDREN OF MARGARET CUNNINGHAM and PAUL HUSBY

E1 MARY JO HUSBY
 b. 5 June, 1949.

E2 PAUL MARTIN HUSBY
 b. 22 December, 1950.

E3 WILLIAM DREW HUSBY
 b. 5 May, 1953.

D4 OLIVE ALTON CUNNINGHAM

b. 22 October, 1918
 m. CLIFF ANDERSON on 5 December, 1942.
 Address - 2717 Pasqua, Regina, Saskatchewan.

CHILD OF OLIVE CUNNINGHAM and CLIFF ANDERSON

E1 JOHN ALTON ANDERSON
 b. 15 May, 1945.

D5 JOSEPHINE ELSIE CUNNINGHAM
 b. 30 July, 1920.
 m. JACK GLEN on 14 June, 1945.
 d. in Calgary, Alberta November 24th, 1962 and
 was buried in Regina. There were no children.

C4 JOSEPH CHARLES CUNNINGHAM

b. 8 June, 1879; d. 27 November, 1962.

Charles was a postal clerk in Regina, Saskatchewan.

On 18 December, 1912 he married LILIAN J. EDWARDS HILTON who was born 2 March, 1878 and died 11 March, 1959.

After she died he went to live with his sister Ethel in Chilliwack, British Columbia.

In October 1962, Ethel went to Australia for a visit and asked her sister Lila to come to Chilliwack to stay with their brother Charles during her absence. Lila complied and enjoyed a happy visit with her brother until his sudden death on 27 November, 1962. He was buried in Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery in Regina on 1 December, 1962.

C5 HANNAH ETHEL ADELLA CUNNINGHAM

b. 25 November, 1880. Ethel married RICHARD W. BURGESS on 1 January, 1907. Richard was born 13 September, 1872 and died 10 November, 1940.

They lived at Cabri, Saskatchewan. Ethel now lives at 129 College Street, Chilliwack, British Columbia.

CHILDREN OF ETHEL CUNNINGHAM and RICHARD BURGESSD1 DOROTHY ELIZABETH BURGESS

b. 5 November, 1907.

Dorothy married JACK CREIGHTON on 17 April, 1930. Address - Blyth, Ontario.

CHILD OF DOROTHY BURGESS and JACK CREIGHTONE1 HAROLD CREIGHTON

b. 20 June, 1938

C6 BENJAMIN HALL CUNNINGHAM

b. 2 July, 1888; d. 27 November, 1888.

C7 LILA AIMEE CUNNINGHAM

b. 27 April, 1892.

Lila is the one who gathered all the Cunningham data, and she also had much information about the whole Hemstreet family. She lived with her mother in Glamis and helped run the family store until her marriage to DAN A. MCLEAN on 4 October, 1941. Dan was born on 30 April, 1874. He was a farmer and retired to Paisley, Ontario where he died 30 October, 1959. After his death Lila returned to the old home in Glamis. Lila is a Baptist.

No children.

C8 LAURA ZITA CUNNINGHAM
 b. 27 April, 1892.

Lila and Laura are twins, but not identical. Laura says Lila was always considered the pretty one of the two, but the Rosewernes think they are both good-looking women. Laura married ALBERT ARTHUR (BERT) GREER on 28 February, 1922. Bert was born 8 August, 1891. He ran the family store in Glamis for many years till 1946 when his son took it over. Then Bert turned to buying cattle to finish for the market. He might really be a Hemstreet for he is fond of race horses and races them at London, Toronto, Goderich, etc.

CHILDREN OF LAURA CUNNINGHAM and BERT GREER

D1 ARTHUR ERNEST GREER
 b. 2 August, 1925.

Ernest manages the former Cunningham general store in Glamis. On 22 May, 1944 he married MARIANNE BEGG who was born 2 July, 1928.

CHILDREN OF ERNEST AND MARIANNE BEGG GREER

E1 ROBERT ERNEST GREER
 b. 22 May, 1944.

E2 DONALD ARTHUR GREER
 b. 8 July, 1947

E3 MARGARET ELIZABETH GREER
 b. 27 December, 1951.

E4 SHEILAH COLEEN GREER
 b. 17 March, 1954.

D2 MARJORIE ELIZABETH GREER
 b. 29 May, 1928.

Marjorie was a teacher before she married CLEMENT WILLIS BOWMAN, B.Sc., M. Sc., Ph.D., on 21 August, 1954. Clement is a chemical engineer. He was born 7 January, 1930.

Address - 620 Berkshire Road, Apartment 401,
 Sarnia, Ontario.

CHILDREN OF MARJORIE GREER and CLEMENT BOWMAN

E1 ELIZABETH ANN BOWMAN
 b. 29 December, 1959.

E2 JOHN CLEMENT BOWMAN
 b. 14 December, 1962.

C9 ERNEST HALL CUNNINGHAM

b. 12 December, 1893.

Ernest was killed in action in World War I on 15 August, 1917.

For those who are interested in genealogical research, the following outline will give an idea of how we proceeded in tracing Benjamin's Branch.

A.L.H. had said that Benjamin lived in Hagersville, and then in Milton; and his wife was "old Aunt Hanna"; and their children were Moses; Elizabeth, married J. Cunningham and went to Glamis; Robert, married Jenny Steele from Haldimand. Benjamin's and Hannah's names and dates were on the tombstones in Milton and in the Census. Then A.H.Z. said she knew Robert's daughter Laura who lived near Buffalo and she had a brother Dick who was an attorney in Alberta. So, a letter was sent to the Secretary of the Law Society of Alberta asking if he knew the whereabouts of a lawyer by the name of Richard Hemstreet. He replied that there had never been an attorney of that name in Alberta. Then I tried the Law Society of Saskatchewan. The Secretary replied that there had never been a lawyer of that name in Saskatchewan, but there had been, years ago, a Hemstreet who ran a hotel in Indian Head. So I wrote to the Postmaster in Indian Head, Saskatchewan. He answered that the son of the late R.H. Hemstreet, former owner of the Imperial Hotel, was R.A. Hemstreet, 2337 Argyle Street, Regina - information supplied by C.A. Edwards.

In the meantime, having heard that there were Hemstreets in Regina, I wrote to the Postmaster there, who replied at some length, also giving R.A.'s address, as above, and said that he was related to the Geo. Hemstreet who lived to be 104, which he thought might be a clue to his family. Well, of course, I wrote to Richard in Regina, and had several letters from him. As he completed his first letter, the Edwards of Indian Head drove into his yard and they had with them the "Thank-you-note" which I had sent them for supplying Dick's address. Dick gave us most of the details about his parents and family. He also referred me to Lila McLean who, he said, was the historian of the family.

Therefore I wrote to Lila and sent a questionnaire. She collected all the data on the Cunninghams and said she had pictures of a number of Hemstreets. This whetted my curiosity so that in June, 1961 when my husband and I were in the vicinity of Glamis, we visited Laura and Lila, the Cunningham twins. They welcomed us like the long-lost cousins we were. The Greers entertained us since the old Cunningham home where Lila lives was undergoing renovations. Lila produced her Hemstreet archives and we had a 'field day' with them. She had many valuable items, obituaries, death cards and pictures. So she provided not only the information about her family but many other details of other Hemstreets. They knew the family of Branch A9, George, which I had only found by digging in the Public Archives, etc. There had apparently been much coming and going between Milton and Glamis and the Glamis folk visited in Haldimand, but when we started this history I had known nothing of these branches.



24. BENJAMIN HEMSTREET
(A8)



25. HANNAH HALL HEMSTREET
His wife.



26. ROBERT HENRY HEMSTREET
(A8,B3)

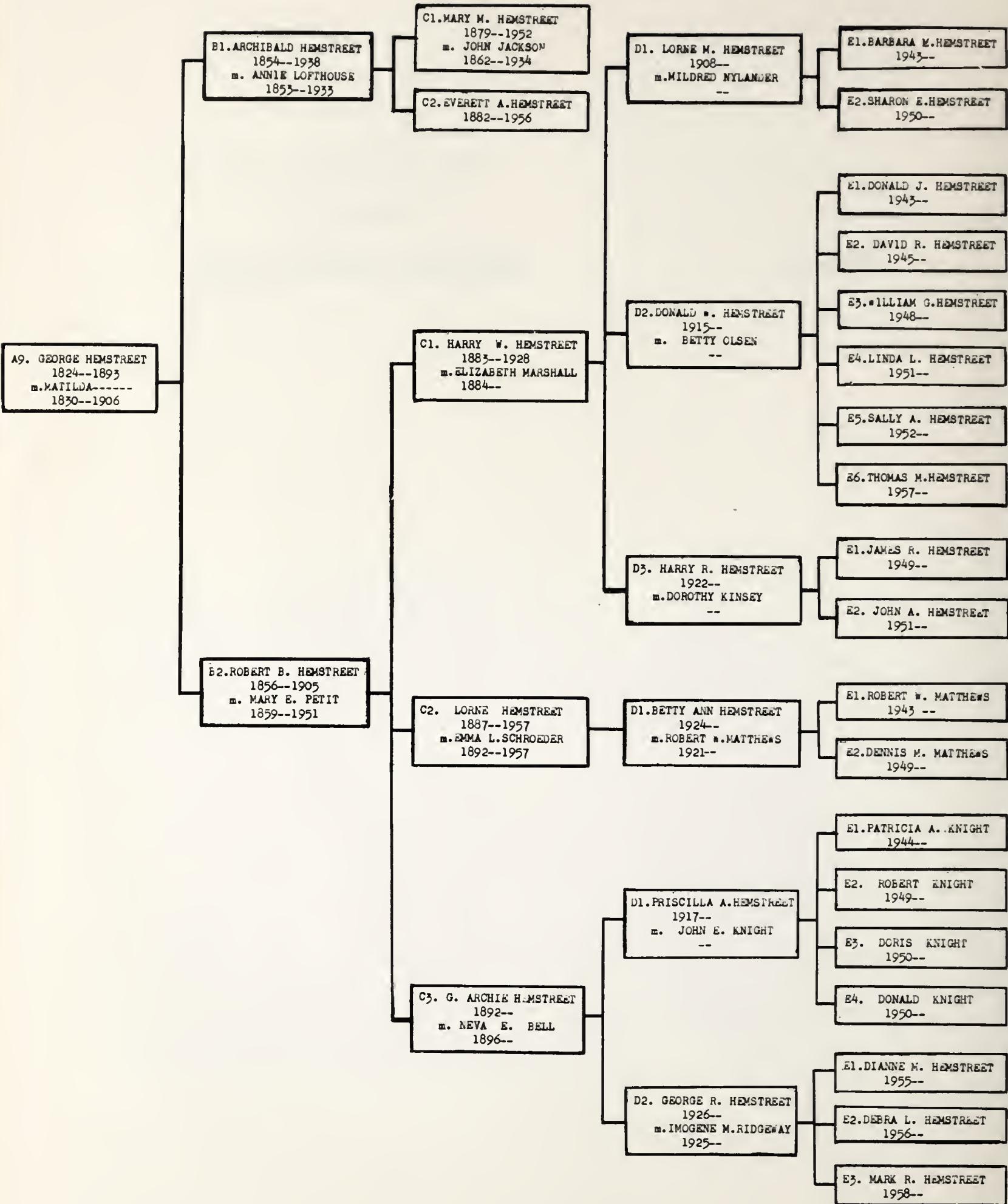


27. NANCY HEMSTREET CUNNINGHAM
(A8,B4)
And daughter LILA CUNNINGHAM McLEAN

Taken in 1930.

BRANCH A9

THE GENEALOGICAL CHART
of the Family of
GEORGE and MATILDA HEMSTREET



CHAPTER XI

BRANCH A9GEORGE HEMSTREET

George was born about 1824 or 25 in Upper Canada. A.L.H. said he died in Norwich or Otterville and had 2 sons. When he went to Haldimand County we do not know, but in the Census of 1861 we find him there in Walpole Township. This is the Census record:

1861	George Hemstreet, farmer, b. in West Can., Wes. Meth.	Age 35
	Matilda "	b. " " " " " 31
	Archibald "	b. " " " " " 7
	Robert "	b. " " " " " 5

1871 Same as above only 10 years older and adds "Dutch Origin".

1861 Agricultural Census, -

George Hemstreet - Con 6 Lot 19, 50 acres, 44 under cultivation, woodlot 6 ac. cash value \$1500, cash value implements \$100, fulled cloth 10 yds. flannel 30 yds, steers or heifers 2, milch cows 2, horses 2, value \$150, sheep 10, pigs 1, total value livestock \$261, butter 311 lbs, pork 3 barrels, produce of orchards and gardens \$10, frame house.

Later, when his son Robert was married about 1881, they were living on a farm on the south half of Lot 1, Concession 8, Township of S. Norwich. He died 19 March, 1893 and was buried in the Bookton Cemetery, about four miles east of Otterville.

George's wife's name was MATILDA. We do not know her maiden name but wonder if it wasn't McCurdy. Her son Robert's second name was Byard. There was a Byard McCurdy who had a farm on the 8th Line, Trafalgar. She might have been a sister of Benjamin's first wife. Some of Benjamin's children look like Matilda and her sons. Also there was both Archibald and Robert in the McCurdy family. After her husband died she made her home with Robert. Her granddaughter May wrote about her in 1902. "Grandma is quite smart and able to get about. She was down to Milton last summer". After Robert's death in 1905, his widow still looked after her. Her grandson, G.A. Hemstreet says he thinks she died about 1906 or 1907 and that both the grandparents were buried in Bookton Cemetery. There is no inscription there for Matilda.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE and MATILDA HEMSTREET

B1 ARCHIBALD HEMSTREET b. 1854 and d. 25 March, 1938 in his 85th year. In Archibald's daughter May's letter she says her father bought a farm 2 1/2 miles from Jarvis in 1886 and was still living there in 1902. The farm was on the 10th Concession, Walpole and the school was on the corner of his farm. Later he moved into a nice home at 74 Main Street, Hagersville, and there died and was buried in the Hagersville Cemetery.

Archibald married ANNIE LOFTHOUSE about 1877. Annie was born in 1853 and died 1933 at the age of 80 and was buried in Hagersville Cemetery.

CHILDREN OF ARCHIBALD and ANNIE LOFTHOUSE HEMSTREET

C1 MARY MATILDA (MAY) HEMSTREET

b. 25 February 1879 (or 80). This is the "May" referred to above. Larry Brooks furnished us with a copy of a letter May wrote to Larry's grandfather William L. Hemstreet. The letter follows, -

"Garnet, Ontario.
September 3, 1902.

Mr. William Hemstreet.

Dear Friend:

My Grandma which is your Aunt Matilda Hemstreet is stopping with us just now and would like to hear from you.

I am your cousin Archie's girl. I have just one brother, Everett, who is nineteen years old.

Grandma is quite smart and able to get about. She was down to Milton last summer. Grandpa died nine years ago this fall. Grandma's home is with Uncle Robert's and they still live near Otterville.

Uncle Robert's folks are all well. They have three boys, the youngest is ten years old. Grandma would like to hear how you all are and where your brother and his family is.

It is now sixteen years since Pa bought the farm we are living on. It is 2 1/2 miles from the village of Jarvis. It has been wet this summer but we have got the harvest over fairly well. Old people say they do not remember such a wet summer.

Pa is busy farming as ever and does not take much time to write but he would be pleased to hear from you and I will answer the letters for him if you will write.

Yours as ever,
May Hemstreet."

May married late in life and her husband was JOHN JACKSON. Mr. Thos. Laidlaw, a garage owner in Hagersville said he had taken care of the cars owned by Archibald Hemstreet, John Jackson and May. He also said that May had belonged to their lawn-bowling club. May and John lived in her father's home on Main Street, Hagersville. John Jackson was born in 1862 and died 13 August, 1934. May died in 1952, aged 72. Both were buried in Hagersville.

C2 EVERETT ABBOT HEMSTREET

b. 14 November, 1882 (or 83). A relative of Archibald's by marriage, Mrs. Andy Lofthouse, said that May and Everett "were nice young people". It was a sad thing that Everett was injured in an accident which affected his brain. He became too difficult to look after at home and they had to send him to the Hamilton Hospital. He was herdsman for the Hospital for many years. He died 24 March, 1956, aged 73, and was buried in Hagersville.

B2 ROBERT BYARD HEMSTREET

b. 1856 or 57.

According to his son George Archie he was a partner in a general store in Otterville before moving to a farm on the 11th Concession, Norwich. Robert was a salesman at the time of his death, 5 February, 1905. He was buried in Bookton Cemetery, 4 miles east of Otterville.

Robert married MARY CATHARINE PETIT of Windham Township about 1881. Mary was born 20 May, 1859. After Robert died she sold the farm and moved into Otterville. She later married Charles Garthwaite who died in 1922. She was a member of the Bookton Presbyterian Church. She lived in Otterville more than 40 years. In her later years her hearing and eyesight were poor. She died 2 March, 1951 in her 92nd year and was buried in Bookton Cemetery.

CHILDREN OF ROBERT and MARY PETIT HEMSTREETC1 HARRY WILFORD HEMSTREET

b. 23 May, 1883 in Otterville. He was a teacher and a C.P.A. He died 17 November, 1928 in Chicago, Ill. On 28 August 1907 he married ELIZABETH L. MARSHALL who was born in Brockway, Pa., on 6 June, 1884. Elizabeth now lives at 1916 Bruce Street, Lakeland, Fla.

CHILDREN OF HARRY and ELIZABETH MARSHALL HEMSTREETD1 LORNE MARSHALL HEMSTREET

b. 9 July 1908 in Minneapolis, Minn. He works for the Bell Telephone Co. of Chicago. In 1937 he married MILDRED NYLANDER, a beautician of Chicago. They live at 610 East 164th Place, So. Holland, Ill.

CHILDREN OF LORNE and MILDRED NYLANDER HEMSTREET

E1 BARBARA MARIE HEMSTREET
b. in Chicago, 1943.

E2 SHARON ELIZABETH HEMSTREET
b. in Chicago, 1950.

D2 DONALD WILFORD HEMSTREET

b. 28 October, 1915 in Owatonna, Minn. He is self-employed in Home Equipment and Rental business. He married BETTY OLSEN an entertainer on Radio Station W.L.S. in Chicago. They live at 1907 Bruce Street, Lakeland, Fla.

CHILDREN OF DONALD AND BETTY OLSEN HEMSTREET

E1 DONALD JON HEMSTREET b. 4 Apr. 1943 in Chicago.

E2 DAVID ROBERT HEMSTREET b. 11 Feb. 1945 in Chicago.

E3 WILLIAM GEORGE HEMSTREET b. 23 Feb. 1948 in Kokomo, Ind.

E4 LINDA LEE HEMSTREET b. 13 Sep. 1951 in Kokomo, Ind.

E5 SALLY ANN HEMSTREET b. 15 Apr. 1953 in Kokomo, Ind.

E6 THOMAS MARSHALL HEMSTREET b. 30 Aug. 1957 in Lakeland, Fla.

D3 HARRY RAYMOND HEMSTREET

b. 1 January 1922 in Chicago. Harry is self-employed in the laundrette business in Kokomo, Ind. He married DOROTHY KINSEY, a schoolteacher of Centralia, Ill., in 1946. Their home address is Rt. 2, Box 305, Kokomo, Ind.

CHILDREN OF HARRY and DOROTHY KINSEY HEMSTREET

E1 JAMES RAYMOND HEMSTREET, b. 1 Aug. 1949.

E2 JOHN ALLEN HEMSTREET, b. 1 Oct. 1951.
Both were born in Kokomo, Ind.

C2

LORNE HEMSTREET

b. 22 July, 1887 in Otterville; d. 19 August, 1957. Lorne was an advertising salesman. On 1 December 1920 he married EMMA LOUISE SCHROEDER in Detroit. She was born on 6 April 1892 in Livonia, Mich. They lived in Detroit and Livonia. Emma died in Detroit on 6 March, 1957. Lorne's daughter Betty looked after her father after his wife's death. He suffered severely from cancer and died just six months after his wife. They are both buried in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, Mich.

CHILD OF LORNE and EMMA SCHROEDER HEMSTREET

D1 BETTY ANN HEMSTREET b. 7 Feb. 1924 in Detroit, Mich. Betty was a comptometer operator and typist before her marriage in Bowling Green, Ohio, on 17 July, 1942 to ROBERT WARREN MATTHEWS, Sr. "Bob" was born 17 May 1921 in Detroit. He is a salesman for Madison Electric Co. Present address - 20109 Whipple Dr. Northville, Mich.

CHILDREN OF BETTY HEMSTREET and ROBERT MATTHEWS

E1 ROBERT WARREN MATTHEWS Jr. b. 31 Jan. 1943.

E2 DENNIS MICHAEL MATTHEWS b. 3 Mar. 1949.

Both were born in Detroit.

C3 GEORGE ARCHIE HEMSTREET

b. 10 April, 1892 in Otterville, Ontario. Attended High School and Business College. He left home at 15 years of age. Archie says, "Since leaving home I worked in Cincinnati, Ohio, Minneapolis, Raymond and Seattle, Tacoma, Wash. San Francisco, Portland, Ore.; all the time on the West Coast in lumber and steamship business till I retired in 1950, when we moved down here (Woodland Hills, Cal.) to help our son Robert get located in the Variety Store business. Our son lives within a block of us, both building in a subdivided orange grove in half-acre lots. We still have 21 large orange trees after taking out 11 for the house. It is really a shame to see the orange groves being torn out for homes, but no money in oranges and the land is very high in value with the tremendous growth." Woodland Hills has jumped from 4,000 population in 1950 to 25,000 in 1960!

Archie married NEVA EVADNE BELL on 6 September, 1916, in Aberdeen, Wash. Neva was born in Aberdeen 23 June, 1896.

Archie and Neva have had some interesting trips. In 1959 they took a South Seas cruise to Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji and other islands, then to Hawaii and home. In 1961 they took a coach trip through the New England States and Montreal and the Laurentians at the time of the Autumn colours. Unfortunately their tour did not include Ottawa, so we did not meet them.

CHILDREN OF ARCHIE and NEVA BELL HEMSTREETD1 PRISCILLA ANN HEMSTREET

b. 26 July, 1917; married JOHN ELDON KNIGHT who is manager of Chain Variety Store at Seaside, Cal. They live in Pacific Grove, Cal.

CHILDREN OF PRISCILLA HEMSTREET and JOHN KNIGHTE1 PATRICIA ANNE KNIGHT

b. 14 June, 1944.

E2 ROBERT KNIGHT

b. 7 July, 1949

E3 DORIS KNIGHTE4 DONALD KNIGHT

Twins, b. 22 October, 1950

D2 GEORGE ROBERT HEMSTREET

b. 10 July, 1926. He married IMOGENE MARIE RIDGEWAY who was born 22 June, 1925. George Robert has a Variety Store in Canoga Park, which adjoins Woodland Hills, both suburbs of Los Angeles.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE and IMOGENE RIDGEWAY HEMSTREET

E1 DIANE MARIE HEMSTREET
b. 23 January, 1955.

E2 DEBRA LYN HEMSTREET
b. 7 April, 1956

E3 MARK ROBERT HEMSTREET
b. 22 July, 1958.

This story of George's family as given above is another instance of the amazing results which a little digging produce. None of us knew anything about George's Branch, except that A.L.H. had said he died at Norwich or Otterville and he had two sons. L.E.B. produced May's letter but the names meant nothing to us until I consulted the Census with the results given above. Then all the names fitted in. Since no Census after 1871 is open to the public, no further information was available from that source.

However, it was possible that there might be some of George's descendants still living in that area. The towns of Jarvis, Otterville and Hagersville are not large and it was quite likely that the postmasters would know if any Hemstreets were living nearby. So I wrote to the postmasters of those three towns and the results were most astonishing. The postmasters turned over my letters to old residents, all of whom replied. Mr. S. G. Burditt, Postmaster at Jarvis, sent helpful data. Mrs. Andy Lofthouse of Jarvis wrote saying that her husband's aunt had married Archibald Hemstreet, George's older son. She also told us about May and Everett. Mr. Thomas Laidlaw, a garage owner in Hagersville said he had worked on Archie's and May's cars; he made a special trip to the Cemetery to copy the dates from the tombstones. Mrs. R. M. Holmes of Otterville had been Mrs. Robert Hemstreet's next door neighbour for thirty years; she checked the dates on tombstones, sent a copy of Mrs. Robert's obituary and gave the address of Robert's only surviving child, George Archie of California. Hence most of the above data on George's family is the result of the letters from these four people who were complete strangers to us, but were kind enough to co-operate in our project.

Of course, I wrote to George Archie of California and he gave me the address of his brother Harry's widow in Florida, who in turn gave the address of Lorne's only child, Betty Matthews of Detroit. And there we had it!

This was the first time I had used the technique of seeking information from postmasters. It proved so successful that I used it in other cases as told above. My sincerest gratitude and respect go to these public servants who responded to requests "beyond the call of duty".



28. GEORGE HEMSTREET
(A9)



29. MATILDA HEMSTREET
His wife.



30. ARCHIBALD HEMSTREET
(A9,B1)



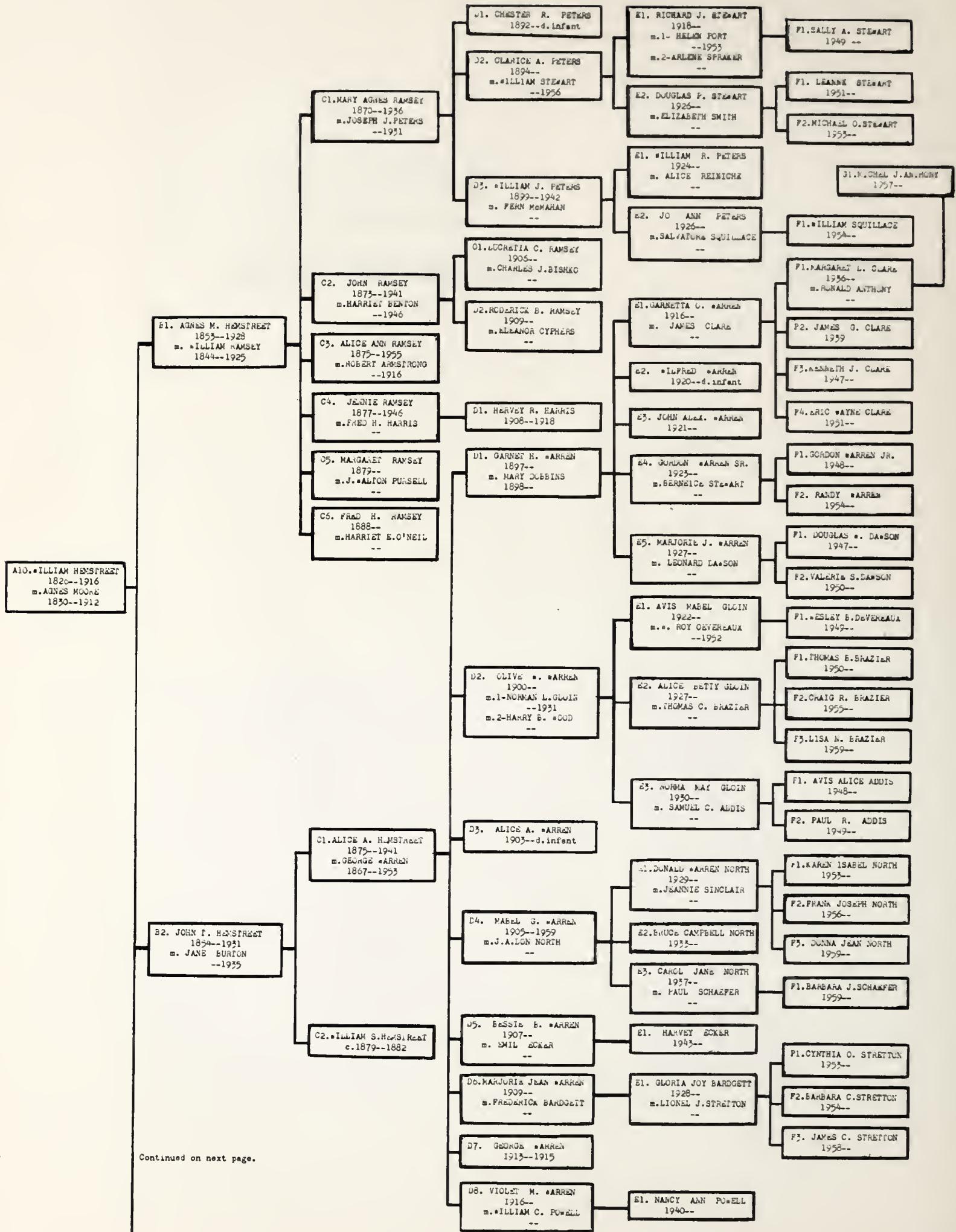
31. ROBERT BYARD HEMSTREET
(A9,B2)

BRANCH A10

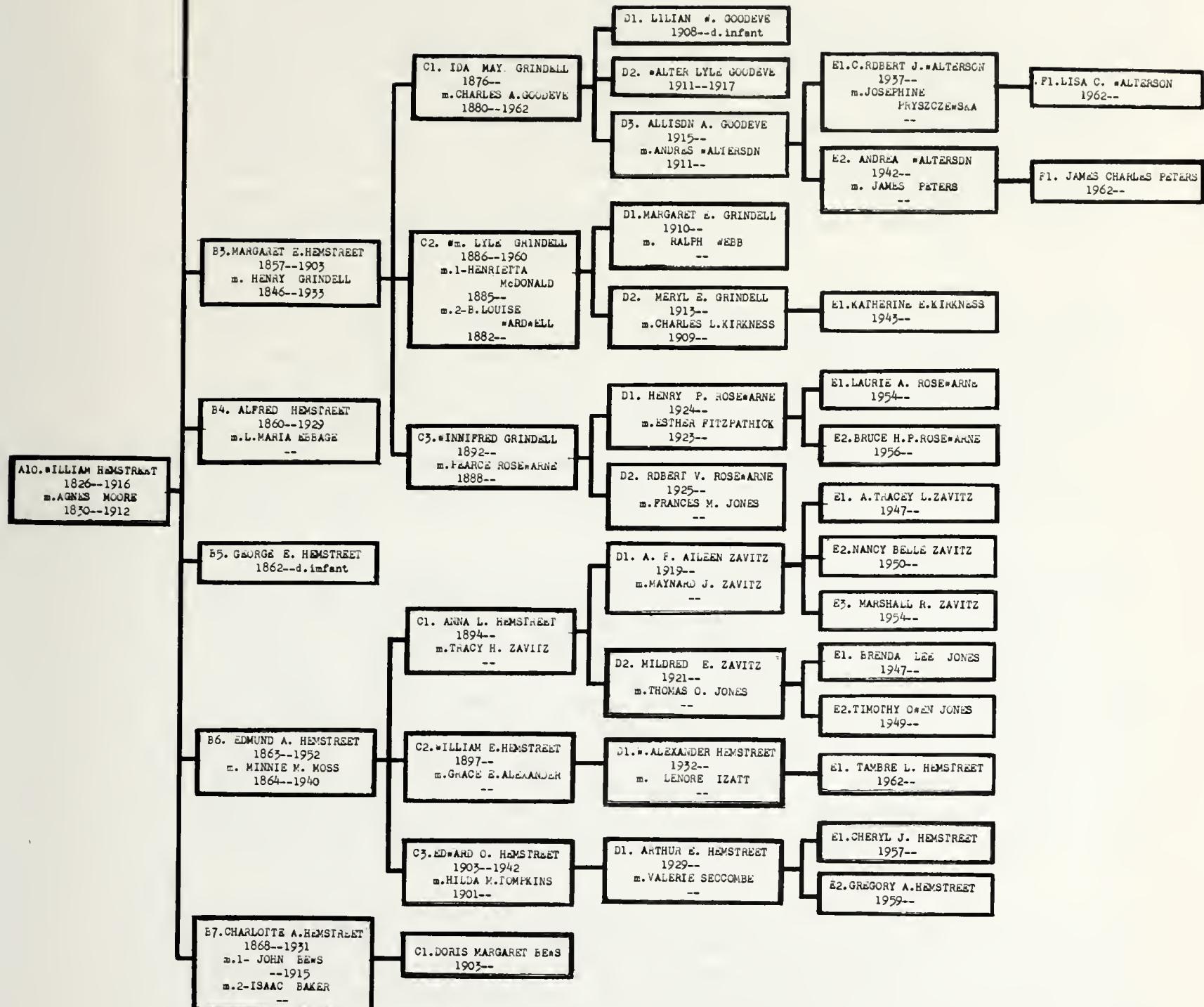
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CHAPTER XII

BRANCH A10WILLIAM HEMSTREET

William, b. 1826 in U.C.; d. 1916 aged 90 years (T.A.C.)

The 1871 Census of Eramosa Township, Wellington County lists William as of Dutch Origin, Wesleyan Methodist by religion and Butcher by occupation. He was then living in Rockwood but had apparently lived in Acton before that because M.F.H. says all the children were born in Acton except Charlotte. This was my grandfather. I do not remember hearing him spoken of as a butcher. William E. Hemstreet, a grandson, said our grandfather had been a drover at one time which would fit in with the butchering business. Whatever occupation he followed in his earlier years, he was best known as an auctioneer and was popular for auction sales throughout Halton and Wellington Counties. He sold a farm by auction when he was 81 years old.

On 14 June, 1851 William married AGNES MOORE who was born at Ballymena, Ireland on 12 July, 1830. She was a sister of the Edward Moore who married Philip Hemstreet's daughter Elizabeth (A3 B3). Agnes was the oldest daughter of Thomas and Agnes (Nancy) Cunningham Moore who were immigrants from Ireland. They arrived in Canada in 1833, settling first in Nicol Township and then in 1845 they moved to a farm in Esquesing Township, near Acton. It was a grandson of theirs and of Philip Hemstreet, H.P. Moore, who wrote the "Moore Family History" which is often quoted in these pages.

After Agnes Moore Hemstreet's mother died in 1881, Agnes wanted to live in her mother's home which was on the outskirts of Acton on Main Street near the railroad; so William bought that house and farm. (This was the same residence where A.L.H. was living when I visited him in 1937.) Later, Agnes and William lived in the town on Main Street in a "rough-cast" or stucco house, beside the creek from Henderson's Pond. It is there that I remember them. Their daughter Margaret was my mother. I was born and brought up in Acton so I remember the grandparents very well. I passed their house every day on my way to school. Grandfather William was short and rather stout with blue eyes and side whiskers. Since I was the youngest grandchild in the vicinity he called me, "my little girl".

He was very fond of horses and as long as he was able to maintain them he drove a pair of matched dappled greys on his rounds as an auctioneer. For some reason his horses never stood well for one to get in or out of the buggy. Grandmother was also short and quite stout and with the ground-length skirts worn then, it was difficult for her to get into a buggy. Grandfather would drive up to the door where Agnes was waiting with a little box to stand on. He would cramp the wheels, Agnes would mount the box and prepare to put one foot on the buggy step, when up would go the horses on their hind legs and then off they would dash down the street, leaving grandmother in mid-air, scolding and fuming. Then the whole procedure had to be attempted again. Sometimes it took three trials before Agnes was safely seated.

Grandmother took a paralytic stroke when she was 74, and was completely bedridden from then until her death at the age of 82, in 1912. William was very patient and attentive to her during her long illness and she was not always an easy person to please. During those eight years she never left her bed unless lifted out bodily. Frequently her son-in-law, my father, and her brother Thomas Moore would go to their home on a Sunday afternoon and lift her into a chair. She would sit for a couple of hours, on the verandah if the weather was fine, and then would be lifted back. It had been her ambition to live as long as Queen Victoria who was 82 at her death and Agnes was the same age when she died.

After Agnes died, William lived for a short time with his daughter Charlotte Bews in Milton. He ended his days with his son John in Toronto. He suffered several slight strokes but always recovered and was able to walk about, though he became very forgetful. When I visited him at this time he might call me "Aggie" or "Maggie", his daughters' names, but when asked who I was, he would say with his sweet smile, "It's my little girl", even though I was then in my twenties. He was always cheerful and good-tempered. He died of old-age pneumonia in 1916 after a short illness and was buried in Acton, beside Agnes.

The Moore family were mostly tall and stout. A.L.H. said that the first John was tall, but many of the Hemstreets were quite short in stature. Those whom we know who were short were William (A 10), Richard L, Alfred L., Elizabeth Moore, Agnes Ramsey, Ida Goodeve. No doubt there were others.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM and AGNES MOORE HEMSTREET

B1 AGNES MATILDA HEMSTREET

b. 10 October, 1853 at Acton. In 1869 "Aggie" married WILLIAM RAMSEY of Eden Mills, Eramosa Township, who was born 19 March, 1844. They lived in Acton for a time and then moved to Gloversville, N.Y. William Ramsey died there in 1925 and Aggie died of heart trouble 24 December, 1928, aged 75.

CHILDREN OF AGNES HEMSTREET and WILLIAM RAMSEY

(M.F.H. and Alice Ramsey Armstrong, and Margaret Ramsey Pursell)

C1 MARY AGNES RAMSEY

b. at Crewson's Corners near Acton on 5 September, 1870. She was known as "Little Aggie", but when she was grown she was taller and stouter than her mother. M. 30 June, 1891 to JOSEPH JAMES PETERS at Acton. He was a baker. They moved to Gloversville. "Joe" died 4 February, 1931 and Aggie died of a stroke on 29 December, 1936.

CHILDREN OF AGNES RAMSEY and JOSEPH PETERS

D1 CHESTER ROY PETERS

b. and d. 1892.

D2 CLARICE AGNES (TADIE) PETERS

b. 19 March, 1894 in Gloversville

m. 12 June, 1917 to WILLIAM STEWART in Gloversville.

William died September, 1956

Clarice lives at 9 Prospect Avenue, Gloversville.

CHILDREN OF CLARICE PETERS and WILLIAM STEWART

E1 RICHARD JOSEPH STEWART (lives on Cedar Street, Gloversville) b. 25 August, 1918 at Gloversville. He is a radio engineer.
 m. (1) HELEN PORT in 1942. Helen died 15 February, 1953.
 (2) ARLENE SPRAKER, 27 June, 1954.

CHILD OF RICHARD and HELEN PORT STEWART

F1 SALLY ANN STEWART b. 25 January, 1949.

E2 DOUGLAS PETERS STEWART

b. at Gloversville, 23 November, 1926. He is a salesman. m. ELIZABETH M. SMITH of Johnstown, N.Y. on 26 July, 1950. They live on W. Main Street, Johnstown, N.Y.

CHILDREN OF DOUGLAS and ELIZABETH SMITH STEWART

F1 LIANE STEWART
 b. 18 May, 1951

F2 MICHAEL D. STEWART
 b. 28 January, 1953.

D3 WILLIAM JOHN PETERS

b. 17 July, 1899 at Gloversville. He was a salesman.
 m. FERN McMAHAN of Herkimer, N.Y. on 6 December, 1922.
 William John d. 11 March, 1942 of pneumonia in Dallas, Texas.
 Fern Peters' address : Box 2, Palatine Bridge, N.Y.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM and FERN McMAHAN PETERS

E1 WILLIAM RAMSEY PETERS
 b. 3 May, 1924. "Billie" is a major in the American Air Force. He was in Japan for three years. There he met ALICE REINICHE, a secretary, and they were married in Tokyo on 19 April, 1947. Following that they were in Georgia, but in 1954 they were in France, and in 1962 back in Japan.

E2 JO ANNE PETERS
 b. 20 August, 1926 at Douglas, Ohio.
 m. SALVATORE SQUILLACE on 14 November, 1947.
 They live at Randall, N.Y., R.D. S. Squillace is a farmer

CHILD OF JO ANNE PETERS and SALVATORE SQUILLACE

F1 WILLIAM SQUILLACE
 b. 6 December, 1954.

C2 JOHN RAMSEY

b. 1 August, 1873 at Smith's Mills near Acton.
 m. HARRIETT CAROLINE BENTON of Northville, N.Y. They lived in Syracuse. John was short like his mother. He died of diabetes on 5 April, 1941. Harriett died 22 November, 1946.

CHILDREN OF JOHN and HARRIETT BENTON RAMSEYD1 LUCRETIA CAROLINE RAMSEY

b. 5 April, 1906 at Syracuse, N.Y. She graduated from Syracuse University. m. CHARLES JULIAN BISHKO in Syracuse. Professor Bishko teaches in the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
 Address - 9 Orchard R., Liberty Hill, Charlottesville, Va.

No children.

D2 RODERICK BENTON RAMSEY

b. 15 April, 1909 at Syracuse and graduated from Syracuse University. He is a salesman. m. 6 April, 1931, ELEANOR CYPHERS in Syracuse. They live at 2 Sears Rd., M.R. 99, Binghamton, N.Y.

No children.

C3 ALICE ANN RAMSEY

b. 16 February, 1875 at Smith's Mills.
 m. ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG on 18 October, 1905 at Gloversville. Robert died 22 March, 1916. Alice never remarried, but supported herself. This is the Alice Armstrong who supplied much of the data of the Ramsey family. In 1954 I wrote asking her to bring the family up-to-date from the time of the M.F.H. In June, 1954 she sent me the lists of births, deaths and marriages. She died 2 August, 1955 in Gloversville.

C4 JENNIE RAMSEY

b. at Acton 15 November, 1877. m. FRED HERVEY HARRIS on 22 October, 1902 at Gloversville. Fred was a banker.
 Jennie d. 18 March, 1946 as the result of a broken hip.

CHILD OF JENNY RAMSEY and FRED HARRISD1 HERVEY RAMSEY HARRIS

b. 3 September, 1908, d. 3 October, 1918.

C5 MARGARET RAMSEY

b. 11 March, 1879 at Acton.
 m. J. WALTON PURSELL at Gloversville on 21 June, 1899.
 "Walt" is a photographer. Their address - 59 First Avenue, Gloversville, N.Y.

C6 FRED HEMSTREET RAMSEY

b. 15 August, 1888, at Acton. He was an insurance agent - now retired.
 m. HARRIET E. O'NEIL at Johnstown, N.Y. on 8 February, 1911
 They live at 77 East Main Street, Johnstown, N.Y.
 No children.



32. WILLIAM HEMSTREET (A10)
As a young man.



33. WILLIAM'S STUCCO HOUSE
On Main St., Acton,
As it is to-day.



34. AGNES in FOUR GENERATIONS

AGNES HEMSTREET
(Mrs. Wm. Ramsey)

AGNES CUNNINGHAM AGNES MOORE
(Mrs. Thomas Moore) (Mrs. Wm. Hemstreet)
AGNES RAMSEY
(Mrs. Joseph Peters)



35. AGNES MOORE HEMSTREET
Taken during her later years
when confined to bed.



36. RAMSEY FAMILY GROUP

Back Row- Fred Harris, Jenny Harris, Alice Armstrong,
Fred Ramsey, Margaret Pursell

Second Row- Wm. Ramsey, Joseph Peters, Agnes Peters,
Agnes Ramsey

Front Row- Wm. Peters, Clarice Peters.



Photographs supplied by Margaret Pursell

37. AGNES HEMSTREET RAMSEY
(A10,B1)

38. WILLIAM RAMSEY
Her husband

B2 JOHN THOMAS HEMSTREET

b. in Acton, 14 December, 1854.

He married JANE BURTON of England at Rockwood, Ontario, on 26 May, 1874. His granddaughter, Jean Bardgett, has their marriage certificate; it is rather worn, but still legible. The witnesses to their marriage were Samuel Moore and Maggie Hemstreet. Maggie was John's sister and Sam Moore was his uncle, a younger brother of his mother. Sam had a farm in Esquesing Township near Acton.

John was a butcher by trade and had a shop in Shelburne, Ontario, in the early days of their marriage. In 1894 they moved to Toronto. After their daughter Alice married they lived with her for a time. Later they had an apartment by themselves and they took care of John's father, after Agnes died, till his death in their home.

John and "Jenny" celebrated their golden wedding in 1924. Jenny was lame as long as I remember her and walked with a crutch but got around quite briskly. Jenny sometimes visited us in Acton. She was full of fun and so was my mother (Maggie) and they had many a laugh together. I visited them in Toronto, both when they lived with Alice and when they were caring for William. They were very kind and patient with him and looked after him affectionately, although he was forgetful and rather childish at that time.

Their granddaughter Jean says of John and Jenny, "I did love my Hemstreet grandparents very dearly and I have many fond memories of them. Granny always had time to listen to my childish problems and Gramp spent evenings without number helping me with my homework. I never remember him losing patience with me."

In later life when John was unable to do other work, his Hemstreet love of horses led him to drive a cab, the taxicab of those days.

John died in Toronto in February, 1931 and Jenny on 26 July, 1935. They are both buried in the Cemetery in Shelburne. The family kept their connection with friends there. Some of the grandchildren still visit in Shelburne.

CHILDREN OF JOHN and JANE BURTON HEMSTREETC1 ALICE ANN HEMSTREET

b. 25 March, 1875; d. 11 February, 1941.

Alice was a very pretty girl and a handsome woman. She married GEORGE WARREN Sr. who was born in Toronto on 9 January, 1867 and lived there all his life. He was born on the site of T. Eaton Company's downtown parking lot. He was a construction engineer with the old Toronto Electric Light Company and for a short time with Toronto Hydro. He assisted in building Casa Loma. He retired in 1934. His last days were spent with his daughter Jean. He died 30 December, 1953. Both Alice and George are buried in Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto.

CHILDREN OF ALICE and GEORGE WARREND1 GARNET HEMSTREET WARREN

b. 15 October, 1897. He served four years in the Canadian Army in World War I overseas. He married MARY DOBBIN (b. 23 January, 1898) in Toronto on 15 February 1915. Garnet is a Captain in the Toronto Fire Department and will be ready for retirement soon. Their address is 412 Leslie Street, Toronto, Ontario.

CHILDREN OF GARNET and MARY DOBBIN WARRENE1 GARNETTA OLIVE WARREN

b. 31 May, 1916. She married JAMES CLARE on 4 July, 1934. "Jimmy" served in the Navy in World War II from 1939 to 1945. He is an Inspector with Imperial Oil Company, Limited. Address : 1700 Dundas Street, East, Toronto, Ontario.

CHILDREN OF GARNETTA WARREN and JAMES CLAREF1 MARGARET LOUISE CLARE

b. 12 February, 1936.

Married RONALD ALBERT ANTHONY 21 July, 1956.

Address : Tulloch Drive, Toronto, Ontario

CHILD OF MARGARET CLARE and RONALD ANTHONYG1 MICHAEL JAMES ANTHONY

b. 2 August, 1957

F2 JAMES GARNET CLARE

b. 24 March, 1939.

F3 KENNETH JOHN CLARE

b. 18 January, 1947

F4 ERIC WAYNE CLARE

b. 4 July, 1951

E2 WILFRED WARREN

b. 25 March, 1920; d. June, 1920.

E3 JOHN ALEXANDER WARREN

b. 8 July, 1921.

He served as an instructor in the Air Force overseas. He is a sales manager for a baby furniture company.

He lives with his parents.

E4 GORDON WARREN, Sr.
 b. 12 April, 1923.
 Served in the Army overseas, Gordon is with a
 roofing company.
 He married BERNEICE STEWART in June, 1946.
 They live at Frenchman's Bay, Pickering, Ontario.

CHILDREN OF GORDON Sr. and BERNEICE STEWART WARREN

F1 GORDON WARREN, Jr.
 b. 2 August, 1948

F2 RANDY WARREN
 b. February, 1954.

E5 MARJORIE JUNE WARREN
 b. 20 March, 1927.
 Married 7 September, 1946 to LEONARD DAWSON
 Leonard is with the Toronto Fire Department.

Address : 35 Anaconda Avenue, Scarboro, Ontario

CHILDREN OF MARJORIE WARREN and LEONARD DAWSON

F1 DOUGLAS WAYNE DAWSON
 b. 24 October, 1947

F2 VALERIE SHARON DAWSON
 b. 9 December, 1950.

D2 OLIVE WILLERTON WARREN
 b. 5 April, 1900

Married (1) 21 September, 1918 to NORMAN LOUIS GLOIN
 who died 20 April, 1931 as a result of war wounds
 received in World War I.

CHILDREN OF OLIVE WARREN and NORMAN GLOIN

E1 AVIS MABEL GLOIN
 b. 4 February, 1922.
 Married WESLEY ROY DEVEREAUX in Toronto,
 30 December, 1942.
 Roy died 21 July, 1952 as a result of war wounds
 received while serving in the Navy in World War II.
 Avis has not remarried.

CHILD OF AVIS GLOIN and ROY DEVEREAUX

F1 WESLEY BOAG DEVEREAUX
 b. 27 May, 1949.

E2 ALICE BETTY GLOIN

b. 21 April, 1927.

Married THOMAS CYRIL BRAZIER in Toronto 15 May, 1948.

Tom is a precision technician and served in the R.C.A.F. in World War II.

Address : 185 Calvington Drive, Downsview, Ontario.

CHILDREN OF ALICE GLOIN and THOMAS BRAZIER

F1 THOMAS BRENT BRAZIER

b. 29 April, 1950

F2 CRAIG ROBERT BRAZIER

b. 17 January, 1955.

F3 LISA NORMA BRAZIER

b. 21 September, 1959

E3 NORMA MAY GLOIN

b. 7 May, 1930

Married SAMUEL CLEMENT ADDIS, 27 September, 1947.

This marriage has been dissolved.

CHILDREN OF NORMA GLOIN and SAMUEL ADDIS

F1 AVIS ALICE ADDIS

b. 7 February, 1948

F2 PAUL RICHARD ADDIS

b. 22 April, 1949.

(2). Olive married HARRY BOAD WOOD, machinist on 12 May, 1937.

No children of this marriage.

D3 ALICE ANN WARREN

b. 1903 and died the same year. She is buried in Necropolis Cemetery, Toronto.

D4 MABEL GERTRUDE WARREN

b. 11 October, 1905;

d. 18 May, 1959 of cerebral hemorrhage.

She married JOSEPH A. "DON" NORTH on 8 October, 1927.

Don is connected with real estate.

CHILDREN OF MABEL WARREN and DON NORTH

E1 DONALD WARREN NORTH

b. 12 October, 1929. He is a real estate salesman.

He married JEANNIE GRAY SINCLAIR on 9 June, 1951.

They live at 5 Dunlop Drive, Scarboro, Ontario.

CHILDREN OF DONALD and JEANNIE SINCLAIR NORTH

F1 KAREN ISABEL NORTH
b. 11 November, 1953

F2 FRANK JOSEPH NORTH
b. 18 September, 1956

F3 DONNA JEAN NORTH
b. 6 May, 1959.

E2 BRUCE CAMPBELL NORTH
b. 15 November, 1933

Bruce is a lawyer and lives with his father (now a widower) at 592 Lawrence Avenue, West, Toronto, Ontario.

E3 CAROL JANE NORTH
b. 15 May, 1937.

Married PAUL SCHAEFER, 7 February, 1958.
Carol taught school before marriage and Paul is an engineer in research work. They live in Brockville, Ont.

CHILD OF CAROL NORTH and PAUL SCHAEFER

F1 BARBARA JANE SCHAEFER
b. 10 September, 1959.

D5 BESSIE BURTON WARREN
b. 22 August, 1907.

Named 'Burton' for Grandmother Hemstreet's maiden name.

Married EMIL ECKER in Toronto 9 June, 1927.

Emil is an interior decorator.

They live at 25 Gorman Park Road, Downsview, Ontario.

CHILD OF BESSIE WARREN and EMIL ECKER

E1 HARVEY ECKER
b. 18 March, 1943.

D6 MARJORIE JEAN WARREN
b. 17 June, 1909.

Married in the Church of The Messiah, Toronto to FREDERICK WILLIAM BARDGETT on 17 August, 1926.

Fred owns and operates Bardgett Agencies.

They live at 53 Cameron Crescent, Leaside, Toronto 17, Ont.

CHILD OF JEAN WARREN and FRED BARDGETT

E1 GLORIA JOY BARDGETT
b. 25 February, 1928 at Toronto.

Married LIONEL JAMES STRETTON in Leaside United Church on 3 February, 1951. Lionel is a salesman for Canadian Steel Strapping. The Head Office is in Toronto, but Lionel works out of Kitchener. They reside at 169 Gatewood Road, Forest Hill Village, Kitchener, Ontario.

Lionel spent two years in the Air Force overseas in World War II.

CHILDREN OF GLORIA BARDGETT and LIONEL STRETTON

F1 CYNTHIA DIANE STRETTON
b. 5 April, 1953, in Toronto.

F2 BARBARA CAROLYN STRETTON
b. 20 July, 1954, in Toronto.

F3 JAMES CRAIG STRETTON
b. 5 February, 1958, in Kitchener.

Jean and Fred Bardgett lived for a time in Montreal and noticed the name "Hemstreet" for one of the occupants of the apartment house. It was Orlan and Hilda Hemstreet (see below) and they found they were cousins and so became friends.

Anna Zavitz advised us that we might get in touch with Uncle John Hemstreet's family through Hilda. I wrote to Hilda who sent Jean's address. When I was in Toronto in November, 1959, I phoned Jean who was kind enough to come all the way across the city to Bloor and the Humber to make contact with me.

Jean is an enthusiastic genealogist and collected all the data of her grandfather's family as well as some of the pictures. This was a considerable labour in view of the size of the family.

D7 GEORGE WARREN Jr.
b. 1913; d. 1915 from whooping cough.
Buried in Necropolis Cemetery, Toronto.

D8 VIOLET MOLLER WARREN
b. 23 March, 1916.
Married WILLIAM C. POWELL on 25 February, 1938.
Bill is an appliance salesman for the Robt. Simpson Company, Toronto.

CHILD OF VIOLET WARREN and WILLIAM POWELL

E1 NANCY ANN POWELL
b. 30 September, 1940.

C2 WILLIAM STANLEY HEMSTREET
b. about 1879 and died when he was three years old.
He was buried at Shelburne.



39. JOHN HEMSTREET (A10, B2)
And baby Avis Devereaux



40. JENNY HEMSTREET, OLIVE WARREN
WILLIAM (A10) in old age.



41. ALICE HEMSTREET WARREN
(A10, B2, C1)



42. JOHN HEMSTREET'S BUTCHER SHOP
In Shelburne



43. JOHN HEMSTREET'S CAB
In Toronto

B3 MARGARET ELIZABETH HEMSTREET

b. at Acton in 1857. This was my mother. She was called "Maggie" by the family. She was tall and stout with blue eyes and brown hair, a Moore physique. She had poor health in later years but she was full of fun and Irish humour. As a young girl she loved to dance but the Hemstreets were Methodists and disapproved of dancing. Her brother John used to sneak her out to the parties sometimes. After she was married to Henry Grindell they used to go to parties together and Henry said she was light on her feet and learned the figures of the square dances easily. The Grindells were Presbyterian and had no scruples about dancing. Maggie's favourite brother was "Johnny".

On 14 April, 1875, Maggie married HENRY GRINDELL in Rockwood. She was not quite 19. Henry was born in 1846. They lived on a farm on the Fifth Line of Eramosa Township, County Wellington, for nine years. This farm was adjacent to the Grindell homestead. About 1883 Henry and his family moved to Guelph. He was a blacksmith by trade and worked first at Gowdy's Implement Factory. Thomas Gowdy's wife was a sister of Agnes Moore and therefore an aunt of Maggie's. Later, Henry worked at Tolton's Foundry. Maggie liked Guelph very much. They joined the Baptist Church there because they liked the Minister.

About 1888 Henry bought property in Acton at the corner of Mill Street and Park Avenue. He started in business for himself with a combined blacksmith, machine and carpenter shop. Maggie was not too happy about the move to Acton, for, by this time the Hemstreets and Ramseys were there and she said she didn't want "to be set down in the middle of so many relatives".

Henry became the engineer in the volunteer Fire Brigade. He also served for many years on the Board of School Trustees. Both he and Maggie were devoted workers in the little Baptist Church. Henry was on the Building Committee when the present Church was built and Maggie helped to make the baptistry curtains.

On New Year's night, 1897, Henry's shop burned to the ground and half his house was demolished. It was the only time in his long years on the Fire Brigade that he did not hear the first toll of the fire bell. He was wakened by Maggie calling to him, "Henry, the shop's on fire!" When he rushed downstairs the dining-room curtains went up in flames. All of us got out safely and much of the furniture was saved by the townspeople and the firemen. The week's laundry had been gathered and was in the kitchen ready for the morning washing and all was burned. We found the seven pieces of mother's prized "ruby glass water set" scattered all over the yard, but intact. It is now in my possession. Townspeople took care of much of our salvaged furniture and clothes till the house was rebuilt. Farmers who were father's customers offered to haul brick from Milton for him if he would rebuild. So a new brick shop rose on the old site. Today there is no use for blacksmith shops and the building has been turned into dwellings.

Life was very different in those days. Henry's shop was open six days a week from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. But Sunday was a day of rest for everyone. Maggie and Ida cooked and baked on Saturday so there would be little to do on Sunday. Saturday night Henry went up town to the barbers for his weekly shave. All the family stayed up till he came home for he always brought a treat. In winter it would be peanuts and candy. We all sat around the table in the cozy kitchen shelling nuts; the "Happy Thought" range burning briskly and the kerosene lamp shedding a mellow light over the scene. In summer he brought home icecream which was imported from Guelph only on Saturdays.

The Baptist Minister had two charges, Acton and Georgetown, and our Sunday School and Church service was in the afternoon. Hence on Sundays the family could sleep in and there were just two meals on that day, breakfast at 10 A.M. and dinner about 5 P.M. which was a hearty meal of fried potatoes, cold meat, home-made pickles and pie for dessert.

People made their own amusements; the grownups often had a sing-song around the organ. Maggie had a good alto voice. Occasionally there would be a party in someone's house with games and maybe dancing. True to her Methodist upbringing, Maggie wouldn't allow playing cards in the house but everyone enjoyed 'Lost Heir' and 'Flinch'. Henry loved a game of Euchre but never played as long as Maggie lived.

For the children, in the Winter, there was sleigh-riding down the mill hill, or skating on the mill pond. Once in a while the whole hundred acres of the pond would be a clear sheet of ice. Then all the town, young and old, skated till they could hardly stand. Of course the skates were the spring type which clamped on any boot.

In the Summer there was no lack of things for children to do, - wading in the pond or creek, swimming at the "Swimming Hole" for the boys, catching frogs, and so on. In the evening there was baseball till dark on the side street and then hide-and-seek as long as we were allowed to stay out.

Two or three times a year, on nice Sundays, Henry would hire a "horse and rig" and take the family seven miles to Everton to visit his sisters. Sometimes we went via Rockwood. It was longer, but Maggie loved to go that way and we all liked visiting the cave and 'pot-holes' which ancient waters had carved in the limestone rock.

Maggie died 27 March, 1903 at the age of 46, after a lengthy illness and was buried in Acton cemetery. Ida, their oldest daughter kept house for the family until she joined her husband in Fort William in July, 1907.

In 1909 the shop and house in Acton were sold and Henry and I, the youngest child, went to Fort William to make our home with Ida and Charles Goodeve. There father worked as a machinist in various places,

notably at Port Arthur Dry Dock during World War I. He held a position when he was 80. He died in the Port Arthur Hospital on 16 June, 1933, and was buried in Acton beside his well-loved wife Maggie, as he had requested.

CHILDREN OF MARGARET HEMSTREET and HENRY GRINDELL

C1 IDA MAY GRINDELL

b. 5 November, 1876 on the farm in Eramosa. She is small and dainty like many of the Hemstreets. Ida liked painting and worked first in oils and later did china painting even when she was 80 years old. She once spent a year with her Uncle Alfred Hemstreet in Glens Falls, N.Y. (see below) and while there studied painting.

On 1 January, 1906 she married CHARLES ALFRED GOODEVE of Acton in her father's home. Charles had been trained in the hardware business in his uncle J.H. Ashdown's store in Winnipeg. At the time of their marriage he was in charge of Goodeve's general store in Acton but soon after he went to Fort William to work in a hardware store and later was assistant manager of the Marshall-Wills store in Port Arthur for many years. He was born 9 March, 1880.

Both Ida and Charles have been active in the Baptist Churches at the head of the Lakes. Charles was also a Mason and served his term as Deputy Grand Master in 1951-52. They celebrated their Golden Wedding on 1 January, 1956 in their own home at 38 Prospect Avenue, Port Arthur, Ontario.

In December, 1961, they sold their Prospect Avenue home. Ida had become very lame with arthritis and Charles had a heart condition, both of which necessitated their living on one floor. So, with their daughter and son-in-law, the Waltersons, they moved into a ranch-type house at 73 Marion Place, Port Arthur. There Charles died of a heart attack on 20 May, 1962.

CHILDREN OF IDA GRINDELL and CHARLES GOODEVE

D1 LILIAN MARYFRED GOODEVE

b. 29 July, 1908 in Fort William; d. 1 August, 1908.

D2 WALTER LYLE GOODEVE

b. 30 June, 1911 in Fort William; d. 15 May, 1917 of scarlet fever and mastoids.

D3 ALLISON ASHDOWN GOODEVE

b. 26 April, 1915 in Fort William. Allison attended the Public and High Schools in Port Arthur. On 15 January, 1936 in Port Arthur she married ANDRES WALTERSON who is of Icelandic stock, from Manitoba. Andres served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II in an

administrative capacity on various stations in Canada. For a time he was stationed at Coal Harbour on Vancouver Island. There he built a log cabin and his wife and family joined him. They lived in a rather primitive way, like the other married airmen, but Allison says she wouldn't have missed the experience for worlds. Andres is now Personnel Supervisor of the Abitibi Lakehead Woodlands Division.

Allison is an ardent member of the Eastern Star. She was Worthy Matron in 1960. She is also keenly interested in weaving on her 45-inch loom. For many years they lived at 137 McKibbin Street, Port Arthur, but in December, 1961 they turned that house over to their newly-married daughter and with Allison's parents, moved to 73 Manion Place, Port Arthur.

CHILDREN OF ALLISON GOODEVE and ANDRES WALTERSON

E1 CHARLES ROBERT JOHANNES WALTERSON

b. 14 July, 1937 in Winnipeg. "Bob" attended the Port Arthur Public and High Schools and the Thunder Bay Institute of Technology. He graduated in 1962 from the Michigan Institute of Mining and Technology, Houghton, Mich., with B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering. In September, 1962 he went to Shawinigan Falls, Quebec, to take a position with Dupont of Canada.

On 9 September, 1961 Bob married JOSEPHINE PRYSZCZEWSKA in St. Casimir's Church, Fort William.

"Josie" is a member of a Polish family who were taken to Siberia in February, 1940. Her father was killed by the Russians. In 1942 they were allowed to go to Persia. From there they went to Lebanon through the I.R.O. They lived there for five years. Then they went to England and finally to Canada. Josie operated a hair-dressing salon in Fort William, which she sold in 1962.

CHILD OF ROBERT and JOSEPHINE PRYSZCZEWSKA WALTERSON

F1 LISA CHRISTINE WALTERSON b. 30 July, 1962.

E2 ANDREA WALTERSON

b. 19 August, 1942. Andrea was educated in the Port Arthur schools and then worked as a pharmacist's assistant. On 2 December, 1961 she married JAMES PETERS of Port Arthur in Trinity United Church. They live in Andrea's parents' former home at 137 McKibbin Street, Port Arthur.

CHILD OF ANDREA WALTERSON and JAMES PETERS

F1 JAMES CHARLES PETERS b. 29 December, 1962.

C2 WILLIAM LYLE GRINDELL

b. 11 August, 1886 in Guelph, Ontario. Lyle was educated in Acton Public and Continuation Schools. He worked as lineman for the Bell Telephone Company in Brampton and Guelph till about 1916 when he went to Detroit, Mich. On 2 February, 1909 he married (1) HENRIETTA McDONALD of Acton. "Etta" was born 30 April, 1885. Both of her parents came from pioneer families of Trafalgar Township. This marriage was dissolved in 1924. Etta and her daughters lived in Acton. For many years she was in charge of the dry goods department in one of Acton's leading stores. She is now retired and lives with her daughter Meryl.

CHILDREN OF LYLE and ETTA McDONALD GRINDELL

D1 MARGARET ELIZABETH GRINDELL b. 26 July, 1910 in Brampton. Margaret was educated in Acton Public and High Schools and Guelph Collegiate Institute. She took Teacher's training in Ottawa Normal School. She taught in several schools and finally in Toronto. On 7 November, 1942 she married RALPH WEBB of Toronto, manager and pro. of the Braeside Golf Club. No children.

D2 MERYL EILEEN GRINDELL b. 29 January, 1913 in Guelph. Educated in Acton Public and High Schools and Guelph Collegiate Institute and Toronto Normal School. She taught near Acton. On 18 July, 1936 Meryl married CHARLES LEONARD KIRKNESS of Acton. Charles is Secretary-Treasurer of the Mason Knitting Company of Acton. They enjoy a summer cottage in Muskoka near Bracebridge. Charles' father came from the Shetland Islands.

CHILD OF MERYL GRINDELL and CHARLES KIRKNESS

E1 KATHARINE ELIZABETH KIRKNESS b. 28 December, 1943 in Acton. Katharine entered Wellesley Hospital, Toronto on 28 August, 1962 to train for a nurse.

When Lyle went to Detroit in 1916 during World War I he was in charge of grain shipments for the railroads out of that City. On 18 July, 1924 he married (2) BERNICE LOUISE WARDWELL of Detroit. Lyle and Louise started spending their winters in a trailer on the St. Petersburg, Florida beaches. Finally they bought a house and settled there permanently at 2436 - 10th Street, South, St. Petersburg. Lyle died on 12 September, 1960, from a cerebral thrombosis. He had had several thromboses in the last three years. His body was cremated at the Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Petersburg, Florida.

There were no children of this marriage.

C3 WINNIFRED MARGUERITE GRINDELL

b. 19 July, 1892 in Acton. I was educated in Acton Public and Continuation Schools, Fort William Collegiate Institute and took teacher's training at the Faculty of Education, University of Toronto. I taught two years in Thessalon, Ontario Continuation School and then entered McMaster University, (then in Toronto), graduating in 1917 with B.A. and Honour Science. I spent the Spring and Summer of 1917 as a chemist in the T.N.T. plant in Nobel, Ontario. Then I went to the Canadian Rubber Company's laboratories in Montreal and Kitchener.

I was fair (now grey hair), with grey eyes and am stout, supposed to resemble the Hemstreets. I am variously known as "Win, Winnie and Winnifred".

On 19 August, 1919 I married PEARCE VICTOR ROSEWARNE of Bracebridge, Ontario. Pearce was born 23 October, 1888 at Olinda, Essex County, Ontario. His father was a native of Cornwall, England. He was a school teacher. Pearce is also a graduate of McMaster in Honour Science. During World War I he was research chemist in the C.X.L. plant at Beloeil, Quebec and night superintendent at the T.N.T. plant in Nobel. After the war he returned to McMaster and obtained his M.A. degree in 1920. In 1921 he became petroleum chemist in the Fuels Division, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa. During World War II he was loaned to Munitions and Supply and managed the Oil Controller's office in Ottawa. He retired in 1954, and now enjoys himself in his basement work shop, with gunsmithing, motor mechanics and household repairs.

We are both members of First Baptist Church, Ottawa. Pearce was a deacon for 25 years and I taught Sunday School and have been active in denominational organizations. From October, 1960 to September, 1961, I was Moderator of the Ottawa Baptist Association, the first woman to hold that position.

For over twenty years we have lived at 475 Broadview Avenue, Ottawa 13, Ontario.

CHILDREN OF WINNIFRED GRINDELL and PEARCE ROSEWARNED1 HENRY PEARCE ROSEWARNE

b. 28 April, 1924 in Ottawa. Attended Ottawa Public and Nepean High Schools. He joined the RCAF on 28 April, 1943, graduated as a Pilot in April, 1944, served in Bagotville, Quebec and Mt. Pleasant, P.E.I., but the war finished before he got out of Canada. Discharged in September, 1945, he entered the Aeronautical Engineering Course at Toronto University, graduating with B.A.Sc degree in 1949.

On 30 April, 1949, he married ESTHER ANNE FITZPATRICK in All Saints Anglican Church, Westboro (suburb of Ottawa). The Fitzpatricks are an old Ottawa Valley family. Esther was born 11 September, 1923 in Ottawa. She also attended Nepean High School and was secretary there for five years before her marriage.

"Harry" worked for 3 1/2 years in A.V. Roe's airplane factory in Toronto and Esther was a secretary in the same company. They returned to Ottawa in 1953 and Harry was employed in the Department of Defence, working with the RCAF in Air Materiel Section for nine years. In October, 1962 he transferred to the Department of Transport.

Harry is an ardent skier and was a Director of the Ottawa Ski Club, in charge of the Midget Ski School (children 6 to 12 years) and programme until the Fall of 1962 when he became President of the Club. All the family ski; the children were on skis almost as soon as they could walk. In the Summer Harry enjoys flying with the Ottawa Flying Club and is an instructor there. They live at 905 Roseview Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario.

CHILDREN OF HENRY and ESTHER FITZPATRICK ROSEWARNE

E1 LAURIE ANNE ROSEWARNE
b. 1 February, 1954 in Ottawa.

E2 BRUCE HENRY PEARCE ROSEWARNE
b. 31 May, 1956 in Ottawa.

D2 ROBERT VICTOR ROSEWARNE
b. 31 October, 1925 in Ottawa. "Bob" has black hair and grey eyes, is tall and inclined to be stout, a Moore physique. He was educated in Ottawa Public Schools and Nepean High School and Ottawa Normal School which his grandfather Rosewarne attended in 1885. He graduated from Normal School in 1946 and taught four years, attending the Arts and Crafts School in Toronto for three Summer sessions. In 1951 he took a position in the Department of National Defence working with the Army as a graphic artist. He designs all the insignia for the Canadian Army. Because of his occupation he had to learn as much as possible about heraldry and so became interested in genealogy. At his instigation and with his help I undertook to write the Grindell Family History. We published it in 1957 and then the Hemstreet cousins got me interested in the history of my mother's family.

On 10 October, 1959 Bob was married to FRANCES MARTHA JONES of Smith's Falls, Ontario. "Fran's" great grandfather was a non-commissioned officer in the Royal Engineers under Colonel By who was in charge of the construction of the Rideau Canal in 1928. The Canal runs from Ottawa to Kingston, Ontario on Lake Ontario through the Rideau Lakes System. Jones' Locks at

Smith's Falls was named for the family. Fran's maternal grandfather was an architect and worked on the Canadian Parliament Buildings. Fran is a graduate of the Toronto College of Art. She is a designer in the Department of Agriculture.

Bob and Fran have their own studio where they work in their spare time. Fran makes lino-prints and Bob makes single and relief prints in colour. They have a hand printing press on which they not only print their own pictures, but illustrate and print small books of poems, etc. They exhibit their pictures in various galleries across the country. They live at 233 Argyle Avenue in Ottawa.

They have no children.

B4

ALFRED HEMSTREET

b. at Acton, 16 March, 1860 (M.F.H.); d. 30 October, 1929.

m. LUCY MARIA EBBAGE, daughter of Thomas Ebbage of Acton.

They lived in Glens Falls, N.Y. A.H.Z. found an obituary of Alfred Hemstreet among her father's effects. The following is a copy of the same:

"Alfred Hemstreet
Died Oct. 30, 1929

In the Albany City Hospital, where he had been receiving treatment for two weeks, Dr. Alfred Hemstreet, of Glens Falls, New York, died on October 30th, 1929. Dr. Hemstreet was born in Canada, and commenced the practice of Chiropody in Glens Falls thirty years ago. During this time he not only established himself firmly as one of the leading practitioners in his part of the State but endeared himself to the whole community as a man of sterling worth and high ideals. Dr. Hemstreet has been a member of the Pedic Society of the State of New York since he commenced the practice of Chiropody. He was active for some years in the affairs of the Albany Division and his passing is mourned by his many friends throughout the profession." (Pedic Items)

Along with Chiropody, the Hemstreets also had a hairdressing establishment which "Aunt Ri" managed. Maria survived Alfred by only a few years.

The couple had no children.

B5

GEORGE EDWARD HEMSTREET

b. at Acton 23 June, 1862.
Died in infancy.



44. MARGARET HEMSTREET GRINDELL (A10, B3)
And husband HENRY GRINDELL



45. GRINDELL FAMILY GROUP
Standing- IDA MAY, Wm. LYLE
Seated- MARGARET, WINNIFRED, HENRY



46. WINNIFRED GRINDELL ROSEWARNE
(A10, B3, C3)

And husband PEARCE V. ROSEWARNE
1949



ALFRED HEMSTREET
(A10, B4)

47.

LUCY MARIA EBBAGE HEMSTREET
His wife.



B6

EDMUND ALBERT HEMSTREET (A.H.Z.)
 b. at Acton 12 November, 1863

"Ed" had a good education, having attended Rockwood Academy. As a young man he worked in Cheapside in a tea-house with Robert Henry Hemstreet, son of Benjamin (see above) and when Robert went to Aylmer, Ed went with him and there he met his future wife, MINNIE MOSS.

Then Ed and a friend started out for the silver mines in Denver, Colorado. They bummed their way out. They fell in with a racketeer, Soapy Sam and lost all their money, and rode the rails into Denver. They asked for some food at a restaurant. They were given hard-boiled eggs which made them sick after not eating for two days. The restaurant keeper gave them a job washing dishes and fed them and then they went on their way. This tale of her brother begging for food so impressed Maggie Hemstreet that she never refused anyone food who came asking for it and in the early days many men came to the door for a handout.

When Ed got to the mines he got a job as a sorter and the mine owner considered him of above average ability. He had gone to Denver to make enough money to get married. After he saved \$2,000.00, which was a large sum in those days, he quit the mine and went into a tea house in Denver. He wanted his fiancee, Minnie Moss, to come out West, but she did not feel she could leave her newly-widowed mother. So Ed returned to Aylmer, Ontario, and married his Minnie in 1891. Her full name was Minnie Minerva Moss. She was born in 1864 and was educated at Woodstock Baptist College.

At first Ed didn't get work, but they went to the nearby village of Springfield to sell for a man who had bought a bankrupt stock. When things weren't moving well, Ed remembered that his father was an auctioneer. So he held an auction and his spiel was so funny that people came just to hear his patter.

Then he rented a farm south of Aylmer, Ontario, and spent his Two Thousand Dollars to get started. Once Minnie dried apples and sold them to buy shoes for Ed. Eventually they rented the Moss farm at Corinth, on the 9th Concession, Malahide Township. Ed moved his stock and implements to the Moss farm and they stayed there seventeen years. Minnie's parents lived in Aylmer. When they finally sold out, Ed's Two Thousand Dollars had become Seven Thousand Dollars. They went to live in Aylmer with Mrs. Moss in a big white brick house on the corner of Talbot and Elgin Streets.

In Aylmer Ed was Town Assessor, Chairman of the Fair Board, worked in a hardware store and later bought an interest in it. His son Orlan worked for him for a while, but Ed fired him. Orlan went across the street and got a job to prove himself. He sold more stoves than his father did. Both father and son were born salesmen. Finally Ed got into real estate.

Ed's hobby was feeding transients and during the depression he did an unknown amount of good in that way. Ed was converted by the Salvation Army but Minnie was Methodist. Ed was a great raconteur and had a large amount of Irish humour.

Minnie died 4 June, 1940. Ed continued to live in the same house for twelve years and had the same housekeeper all that time. He broke his hip in June, 1952 and injured a kidney. He died in September at the age of 88. His funeral service was conducted by a Salvation Army Chaplain.

CHILDREN OF EDMUND and MINNIE MOSS HEMSTREET

C1 ANNA LULU MOSS HEMSTREET

b. 2 May, 1894 in Aylmer, Ontario before her parents went to the farm. She was educated in Aylmer Schools and at London Normal School. She taught three years in Brownsville and two years at Sherkston where the Zavitz home-
stead was. On 30 July, 1918 she married TRACY HAROLD
DeLANCY ZAVITZ. The Zavitz family were Mennonites from Pennsylvania and earlier, from Alsace. Tracy had a grocery store in Ridgeway, Ontario for eighteen years and then changed to insurance. Both Anna and Tracy are active in the United Church. They still live in Ridgeway and have a summer cottage on Skeleton Lake, Muskoka, which they and their family and relatives enjoy very much. This is the Anna Zavitz to whom reference has frequently been made.

CHILDREN OF ANNA HEMSTREET and TRACY ZAVITZ

D1 ANNA FLORENCE AILEEN ZAVITZ

b. 13 July, 1919 in Ridgeway. Aileen attended Ridgeway Public School and Stamford High School and McDonald Institute in Guelph. She worked for Ryrie Birks in Hamilton until her marriage on 7 March, 1943 in Ridgeway to MAYNARD JUDSON ZAVITZ. Maynard's ancestors also belonged to the Mennonite settlement of Welland County. He served with the Canadian Army in World War II and was with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He was Assistant Manager of Empire Brass Company in Hamilton until 1959 when he went into the wholesale plumbing business for himself.

They live at 168 Huxley Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario.

CHILDREN OF AILEEN ZAVITZ and MAYNARD ZAVITZ

E1 ANNA TRACEY LOUISE ZAVITZ
 b. 16 May, 1947.

E2 NANCY BELLE ZAVITZ
 b. 10 June, 1950.

E3 MARSHALL ROBERT ZAVITZ
 b. 6 September, 1954

D2 MILDRED EVELYN ZAVITZ
 b. 18 October, 1921 in Ridgeway.

Educated in Ridgeway High School and Welland Business College. Taught 1 year in Welland Business College and was later employed as assistant accountant in John Deer Company, Welland, who made agricultural implements. On 19 June, 1943 she was married in Ridgeway United Church to THOMAS OWEN JONES, barrister of Ridgeway. His people were of Welsh extraction and his father was a ship's carpenter.

CHILDREN OF MILDRED ZAVITZ and THOMAS JONES

E1 BRENDA LEE JONES
 b. 19 July, 1947

E2 TIMOTHY OWEN JONES
 b. 18 April, 1949.

C2 WILLIAM EUGENE HEMSTREET
 b. 16 December, 1897 on the farm at Corinth.
 Educated in Corinth Public School, Aylmer High School and summer teachers' course at Bracebridge, later attended London Normal School. He has a B.A. from McMaster University and Master of Pedagogy from University of Toronto. He taught in several schools before going to Hamilton where he has been a successful school principal for twenty-five years. He expects to retire in 1963.

Will went Overseas in World War I in 1918 in the 16th Field Ambulance Corps, Canadian Medical Corps. He was in Siberia where Canadians were sent to help keep order and to protect British Interests and the Trans-Siberian Railway after the Russian Revolution of 1917.

He married GRACE ELIZABETH ALEXANDER of Langton, Ontario on 12 April, 1928. They had met at Bracebridge summer school.

They live at 113 Rothesay Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario.

CHILD OF WILLIAM E. and GRACE ALEXANDER HEMSTREETD1 WILLIAM ALEXANDER HEMSTREET

b. 17 July, 1932. "Alex" was educated in Hamilton Schools and McMaster University, from which he graduated in 1956 with a B.A. in Economics and Business Administration. He is a salesman. On 13 April, 1957 he married LENORE IZATT of Ancaster, who is a teacher in Hamilton.

Their address is 213 Sherwood Rise, Sherwood Village, Hamilton, Ontario.

CHILD OF ALEXANDER and LENORE IZATT HEMSTREETE1 TAMBRE LEIGHN HEMSTREET

b. 9 August, 1962.

C3 EDWARD ORLAN HEMSTREET

b. 4 January, 1903 on the farm at Corinth. Educated in Corinth Public Schools and Aylmer High School. He qualified as a salesman with the Carborundum Company of Niagara Falls, N.Y. He perfected a special type of carborundum wheel for use in the pulp and paper mills. It was so good that he once lectured on the pulp and paper industry in Syracuse University. He was the company's representative in Montreal and then in Niagara Falls.

On 31 August, 1927 he married HILDA MAY TOMPKINS of Montreal. His wife and business associates called him "Ed", but the family called him "Orlan". He died 7 August, 1942 and was buried in Lundy's Lane Cemetery. Hilda still lives in Niagara Falls, Ontario at 36 Portage Road, North. She is a secretary in a Real Estate and Insurance office. She was born 31 August, 1901.

CHILD OF ORLAN and HILDA TOMPKINS HEMSTREETD1 ARTHUR EUGENE HEMSTREET

b. 25 June, 1929. Arthur was educated at Stamford Collegiate Institute and had two years in Engineering at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. He is a salesman for the Carborundum Company in London, Ontario. He married VALERIE SECCOMBE of Melbourne, Australia on 20 August, 1955. They live at 646 Santa Monica Road, London, Ontario.

CHILDREN OF ARTHUR and VALERIE SECCOMBE HEMSTREET

E1 CHERYL JEAN HEMSTREET b. 11 May, 1957.

E2 GREGORY ARTHUR HEMSTREET b. 20 October, 1959.



48. EDMUND A. HEMSTREET (A10,B6)

And wife MINNIE MOSS HEMSTREET

"Seventy years young"



49. ANNA HEMSTREET ZAVITZ (A10,B6,C1),
And husband TRACY H. ZAVITZ.

On their 25th Wedding Anniversary



50. WILLIAM E. HEMSTREET (A10,B6,C2)
And wife GRACE ALEXANDER HEMSTREET

1958



51. EDWARD ORLON HEMSTREET
(A10,B6,C3)

B7

CHARLOTTE ALICE HEMSTREET

b. 16 February, 1868 at Crewson's Corners near Acton. "Lottie" was a colourful personality. She was average in height, had blue eyes, light brown hair and stout like all of William's family. She was given vocal lessons and was a soprano soloist of note. She held positions as soloist in a number of choirs and was popular throughout the Township as a singer at garden parties and other public occasions. She had engagements to sing up to a few months before her death.

On 19 August, 1896 she married (1) JOHN W. BEWS of Milton. John was a member of an outstanding family in Milton. He and his brother Sam had a merchant tailor establishment. He died 5 February, 1915. John's father, William Bews, was a native of the Orkney Islands. On 25 December, 1917, Charlotte married (2) ISAAC BAKER. They lived in Waterdown, Ontario. She died 13 March, 1931 after a cerebral hemorrhage. She was buried at Milton.

CHILD OF CHARLOTTE HEMSTREET and JOHN BEWSC1 DORIS MARGARET BEWS

b. April, 1903 at Milton. Doris graduated as a nurse from the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto in June, 1928. She nursed for a time in New York, but after her mother's death she went to New Westminster, British Columbia where a member of the Bews family was living. She was Matron at Vancouver's Sick Children's Hospital for three years, Public Health Nurse in Chilliwack, Senior Nurse in New Westminster Schools and with the Simon Fraser Nursing Unit since 1950. In October, 1957 she was named "Woman of the Year" by the Business and Professional Women's Club for "giving unstintingly of her care, time and in many instances much needed financial assistance. During her dedicated career as public health nurse she has never left a human being in need."

Doris and her friend Vera Bowell, a schoolteacher, built a lovely home at Coulthard Road, R.R. #1, Cloverdale, B.C. Canada.

Doris and Vera enjoy travelling. Besides covering most of Canada and the U.S.A. at various times, in 1958 they took a trip by air to South America. They visited the famous Inca ruins in Cusco and Macchu Picchu in Peru, and many other interesting sights in Bolivia, Argentina, Brazil, West Indies and Mexico. In the summer of 1961 they took off by plane across the Pacific on a world tour, via Hawaii, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, Ceylon and India. Thus far, they spent six wonderful weeks but Doris was suffering intestinal cramps and the condition worsened, so they decided to go home and completed the rest of the trip via Cairo, London to Vancouver in two days. Doris had surgery when she got home but recovered her health in due time. They hope to finish the rest of the tour properly in 1963 when Doris retires. Vera retired in June, 1961.

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Since Doris Bews is the only child of Charlotte Hemstreet, the youngest child of William Hemstreet, the youngest child of John, the chronicle of this branch of Hemstreets ends here.



52. CHARLOTTE HEMSTREET BEWS (A10,B7)
And husband JOHN BEWS.



53. CHARLOTTE BEWS
Soloist.



54. DORIS MARGARET BEWS
(A10,B7,C1).

CHAPTER XIII
OTHER HEMSTREETS

Since becoming interested in writing the Hemstreet History, whenever I ran across the name, I wrote to the person indicated and all sent interesting and informative replies. There are four such families that we have made contact with and each is of interest for various reasons, and I will briefly outline their stories.

I

The first family I found by looking in the Calgary Telephone Directory and there saw the name of W. W. HEMSTREET, 3819 - 17 Street, West, Calgary, Alberta. I wrote to him, asking him to tell me what he knew about his ancestors. He said his father, NELSON BRUCE HEMSTREET came from Owen Sound, Ont. Nelson and his brother WILLIAM HEMSTREET homesteaded at Belle Plain, Saskatchewan. Nelson and family moved to Moose Jaw in 1904 or 5, and his wife was still there. So W.W. Hemstreet sent on my letter to his mother in Moose Jaw. She wrote saying that she just happened to marry a Hemstreet and wasn't one herself, she didn't know much about the family, but referred me to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Alex McLellan (nee ABIGAIL HEMSTREET), 285 Erskine Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. So I wrote to Mrs. McLellan, and she replied at some length, giving me a pretty complete lineage of her branch of the family. She also gave some interesting details about Hemstreets. I quote in part from her letter -

"There is no doubt our forefathers are related. All the Hemstreets I have met claim relationship and there certainly is a striking family resemblance. - - - My great grandfather came from Holland and settled for a time in Pennsylvania, then moved to Watertown, N.Y. My grandfather came to Canada about the time Colonel John Graves Simcoe was Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada (Ontario) and was encouraging American settlers to come to Canada, especially those with large families. - - - The Hemstreets were not U.E. Loyalists to my knowledge, but this information was handed to me by word of mouth. - - - A cousin John Hemstreet informed me years ago that the Hemstreets were descendants of William of Orange and that is why there are so many Williams in the family. - - - My grandfather was JACOB HEMSTREET (of Dutch origin) and he married ELIZABETH NELSON (English) and they are both buried in Madoc, Ont."

CHILDREN OF JACOB and ELIZABETH (NELSON) HEMSTREET

1. JOHN HEMSTREET
2. NELSON HEMSTREET, lived in the U.S.A.
3. BENJAMINE HEMSTREET, went to the U.S.A.
4. SAMUEL HEMSTREET, went to the U.S.A.
5. CHARLES HEMSTREET, went to Portland, Oregon.
6. WILLIAM HEMSTREET
 - b. 1848, married ABIGAIL INKSTER

7. MARIA HEMSTREET m. A. PHIPPS, lived in U.S.A.
8. JANE HEMSTREET m. WM. MOORE, moved to Wallaceburg, Ontario.

Of these, several have special interest. Mrs. McLellan said John was married twice and she thought he was our John, saying that George of Milton who lived to be 104 years, was his son. I doubt if her John and our John are the same. If William, in her list, was born in 1848, John would probably have been born in the 1830's, but our John was already 60 years old in 1822. Also, George of Milton was our John's grandson, which is well authenticated.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM and ABIGAIL INKSTER HEMSTREET

1. ELIZABETH HEMSTREET b. 1874, died in infancy.
2. BLANCHE HEMSTREET b. 1876.
3. WILLIAM INKSTER HEMSTREET b. 1878. He is the brother of Nelson Bruce who homesteaded in Belle Plain, Sask. Some years ago, my husband's sister, Emily Rosewarne Clarke sent me a newspaper clipping which announced the death of Mrs. W. I. Hemstreet who had farmed for many years at Belle Plain, Sask. At that time I had no idea who she was. They had three children, all living in British Columbia.
4. NELSON BRUCE HEMSTREET b. 1880 at Owen Sound, Ontario. He married EDITH A MITCHEL, b. 1888 in Kincardine. They lived many years in Moose Jaw. Nelson Bruce died in 1958. His wife moved to Toronto where she died in 1960. This is the Mrs. Nelson Hemstreet referred to above. A son of Edith and Nelson was the W.W. HEMSTREET of Calgary to whom I first wrote.

W.W. HEMSTREET and his wife had five children :

GORDON BRUCE HEMSTREET of Trenton, Ontario..

JEAN (Mrs. GEORGE STEPHENSON) of Toronto, Ontario.

KEITH BOWERS HEMSTREET of Toronto, Ontario. .

WILLIAM WRAY HEMSTREET of Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan.

DOUGLAS BRIAN HEMSTREET of Red Deer, Alberta.

They all married and there are several grandsons to bear the Hemstreet name.

5. CHARLES HEMSTREET b. 1884, lives in Victoria, British Columbia, he has one son and two grandsons.

6. ABIGAIL HEMSTREET b. 1888; m. Alexander McLellan. They live at 285 Erskine Avenue, Toronto. This is the Mrs. McLellan referred to above. They celebrated their Golden Wedding on 29 December, 1962.
7. ALBERT HEMSTREET b. 1890. He lives on Vancouver Island and has sons and daughters.

I have given this family in some detail for several reasons. First, here again is the legend of the Hemstreets coming from Pennsylvania. Second, Mrs. McLellan gives some interesting historical points. Third, one can be prepared to encounter members of this family by the name of Hemstreet in Toronto, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

II

In 1959, when my husband and I were travelling to Florida, near Augusta, Georgia, we saw a large real estate sign with the names SHERMAN AND HEMSTREET. We didn't stop to investigate, but I kept the address and wrote later. I had a very gracious reply from ALBERT D. HEMSTREET. He has traced his lineage and found he was "eligible to become affiliated with the Holland Society of New York. The requirements are that your ancestors can be traced back to Holland and were among the early settlers of New York, which was known as New Netherlands." His lineage, in brief, follows:

1. ALBERT DELANO HEMSTREET b. 1897 in Augusta, Ga.
m. Addie Sue Waltch.
- son of 2. VICTOR BREEZE HEMSTREET b. 1862 in New York Mills, Oneida Co., N.Y.
m. Emily B. Piper.
- son of 3. JOHN BENJAMIN HEMSTREET b. 1827 in Roos, Montgomery Co., N.Y.,
m. Rosetta Belknap (2nd wife).
- son of 4. PETER (PETRUS) HEMSTREET b. 1803 in Princeton, N.Y.
m. Rachel Brougham (1st wife).
- son of 5. JOHN (JOHANNES) P. HEMSTREET b. 1780 in Schenectady, N.Y.,
m. Catharine de Turek.
- son of 6. PHILIP HEMSTREET b. 1751 in Schenectady, N.Y.
m. Blandina Van Vliet.
- son of 7. JOHANNES HEEMSTRAAT b. 1709 in Albany, N.Y.
m. Geertray Easie (2nd wife).
- son of 8. DIRK TAKELSE HEEMSTRAAT b. 1680
m. Catharine Quackenbush in Albany, N.Y.
- son of 9. TAKEL DIRKSZEN HEEMSTRAAT

Takel Dirkszen was in New Netherlands by August 1670 when he appears in Court Proceedings on the 25th of that month."

This lineage is proven by Bible Records and various records and histories of Schenectady and Schoharie and Albany. Many of the names in this lineage are familiar to us as those of John's sons - Benjamin, Peter, Philip and John. It would certainly look as if we belong to Takels Heemstraat.

III

Norma Cinnamon (A5, B2) found the name THOMAS M. HEMSTREET of Kankakee, Ill, and she passed it on to me. I wrote Thomas and he passed my letter on to his mother who answered all my questions most graciously and some of her information was most interesting. Her husband is BONFIELD V. HEMSTREET, the only child of FRANK HEMSTREET and ALICE BONFIELD. Frank was the son of JOHN H. HEMSTREET and NANCY M. LLOYD who were married 29 August, 1865, in Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) Ohio. The astonishing thing about this is that this John Hemstreet and Nancy Lloyd were mentioned by Larry Brooks (see p.24) and Nancy was the sister of Sarah Lloyd, the wife of William Lawrence Hemstreet (A2, B2).

Lineage of this family so far as we know :

JOHN H. HEMSTREET m. MANCY M. LLOYD in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, 1865; they had one child FRANK HEMSTREET m. ALICE BONFIELD who had one child BONFIELD V. HEMSTREET m. GERALDINE - - - who have three children :

VANCE A. HEMSTREET m. Irene Gibault,
MARTHA HEMSTREET m. E.C. Erickson,
THOMAS M. HEMSTREET m. Doris Newmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonfield Hemstreet live at 292 South Rosewood Avenue, Kankakee, Ill. All their children live in the same town.

In answering my letters, both Albert D. Hemstreet and Mrs. Bonfield Hemstreet invited the Canadian Hemstreets to make contact with them if ever they were passing their way.

IV

When Georgianna Hemstreet Weiss (A2 Branch) went to San Diego in 1961, she saw the name 'Lt. Geo Walter Hemstreet, U.S.N.' in the telephone directory. She talked to him by 'phone but did not visit him, and then on 18 February, 1962, she saw the following obituary in the newspaper :

"Services for Lt. George Walter Hemstreet, U.S.N., ret. 59 of 4766 Monroe Ave., who died Wednesday (Feb 14) in a hospital will be at 10 a.m. to-morrow in Lewis Colonial Mortuary. Interment will be at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery. Hemstreet, a native of Topeka, Kan., lived in San Diego County for more than 25 years. He served in the Navy from 1919 to 1948, when he received a medical discharge. During World War II Hemstreet had duty in the Pacific Theatre, serving primarily in submarines, destroyers and submarine tenders. Earlier he was a Navy deep sea diver. After leaving the Navy, Hemstreet was a real estate salesman. He was a member of Branch 9, Fleet Reserve Association, the Retired Officers Association and North Park Baptist Church. He is survived by his widow, Juanita, a son and a daughter, five brothers, three sisters and 2 grandchildren."

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Hence, you are likely to meet Hemstreets in almost any part of the U.S.A. or Canada. If they are all descendants of Taakel Van Heemstraat, the family was certainly prolific. When you meet a Hemstreet, speak him kindly - he may be a relative!

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